

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1947

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EYESIGHT TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Basic Change :

Sponsors: Representative Fortner and Senator Hammer

HB1947 will change the requirements for a person to have an eye examination prior to each driver's license renewal. HB1947 would provide that the licensee will be required to have a vision examination at every other renewal. This bill also provides clarification on the fees to be collected at each renewal. This change does not increase the price of a four or eight-year license. The holder of a commercial driver's license (CDL) will still be required to have a vision examination every four years.

Revenue Impact :

None.

Taxpayer Impact :

Other than the holder of a CDL, a licensee will have his or her vision examined at every other renewal of their Arkansas Driver's License rather than upon each renewal of their license.

Resources Required :

DFA estimates modification cost to Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) at \$12,000.00 with a yearly maintenance cost of \$1500.00.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided.

Procedural Changes :

State Revenue Offices and Office of Driver Services employees would require training and all procedure manuals would be updated. DFA website would be updated to provide information of this change for Arkansas citizens.

Other Comments :

This change would allow DFA to create an online driver license renewal system to prevent citizens from having to visit their State Revenue Office to renew their Arkansas Driver's License. Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and twenty other states also provides this as an option to their citizens.

Legal Analysis :

HB1947 amends the requirements for vision tests for the issuance of a driver's license. Applicants who elect a license validity period of four years would have an eyesight exam every eight years. Applicants that elect a license validity period of eight years would have an eyesight exam every sixteen years.

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