

State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Fiscal Impact Statement

# Bill: HB1135 Bill Subtitle: TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF A DIGITIZED IDENTIFICATION CARD; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF A DIGITIZED DRIVER'S LICENSE OR DIGITIZED IDENTIFICATION CARD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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## Sponsors:

## Rep. Achor and Sen. Boyd

### Basic Change:

Act 261 of 2023 required the Office of Driver Services of DFA (ODS) to offer an applicant with a valid Arkansas driver's license the additional option to access a digitized or mobile driver's license (mDL) upon payment of \$10. The "digitized driver's license" or mDL is a data file:

- Available on a mobile device that has connectivity to the internet through an application that allows the mobile device to download the data file from ODS or its authorized representative;
- Containing all of the same data elements visible on the face and back of the identification card; and
- Displaying the current status of the identification card.

Act 261 of 2023 is effective on February 1, 2025. HB1135 seeks to amend the requirements of Act 261 by:

- Providing for the issuance of a digitized state identification card in addition to a digitized driver's license; and
- Authorizing ODS to collect less than the required \$10 fee for the issuance of the digitized driver's license or state identification card.

## Fiscal Impact:

None.

## Taxpayer Impact:

The holder of Arkansas state identification card would have the option to access a digitized version of his or her identification card.

#### **Resources Required:**

None.

## Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

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## Procedural Changes:

Updates will be required to the Motor Vehicle manual and the DFA website. Training and review sessions will be conducted for employees of State Revenue offices, the Office of Driver Services, and the Office of Motor Vehicle. Notification will also be provided to the taxpayer community.

### Other Comments:

None.

#### Legal Analysis:

None.

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