



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: SB540

Bill Subtitle: TO LIMIT THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A PERSON WHO HAS SUFFERED A SEIZURE.

Sponsors:

Sen. M. Johnson and Rep. Ennett

Basic Change:

SB540 limits the period of time that the Office of Driver Services of the Department of Finance and Administration (ODS) may suspend an individual's driver's license to not greater than six months from the date that the individual last experienced a seizure.

Under current law, ODS may require a driver to submit to an evaluation by a hearing officer when good cause exists to believe the driver might be unable to drive, such as when a driver suffers a seizure. After the evaluation, the hearing officer shall determine that the license should remain in effect, or that the driver must submit to a medical evaluation, a driving skills evaluation, or both. Following receipt of the evaluations, ODS may suspend or revoke the individual's driver's license or may issue a restricted license. Under current rules promulgated by ODS, if the suspension of a driver's license was due to epileptic seizures, then the driving privilege can only be restored after the person has been seizure free for no less than one year, as verified by a physician.

SB540 limits the period of time that ODS may suspend, revoke, or impose restrictions on the driver's license of an individual who has suffered a seizure to not greater than six months from the date that the individual last experienced a seizure, regardless of whether the individual is on medication.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

If the driving privileges of an individual have been suspended or revoked as a result of the individual experiencing a seizure, the Office of Driver Services shall limit the period of suspension or revocation to six months from the date the individual last experienced a seizure.

Resources Required:

None.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.



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Procedural Changes:

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

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

SB540 may benefit from an amendment to require that an individual who is seeking reinstatement of their driver's license following a suspension or revocation due to a seizure provide a physician's statement verifying that the individual has been seizure free for six months.