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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3357 Amended by the Senate on May 7, 2019
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Subject: Vehicle Registration, Private Passenger-Carrying Vehicle
Requestor: House of Representatives
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase General Fund expenditures of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by \$20,460 in order to develop an application which adds a deaf or hard-of-hearing notation to motor vehicle registrations. Additionally, for producing and distributing two new plates, non-recurring Other Funds expenditures for the agency will increase by \$13,600.

The bill will increase Other Fund revenue of the Department of Transportation (DOT) by at least \$13,600. In addition, the amount of additional Other Fund registration fees from the special plates is undetermined due to the lack of data on how many Drivers for a Cure license plates will be purchased.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by the Senate on May 7, 2019

State Expenditure

The following sections will affect state expenditures as follows:

Section 1. This section of the bill allows DMV to add a notation to a private passenger-carrying motor vehicle registration to indicate to law enforcement that the driver may be deaf or hard of hearing. DMV indicates that all work related to adding a notation to a vehicle registration will be performed by contractors supporting DMV application development, at a rate of \$110 per hour. The agency estimates the following man-hours are needed to complete this project: 16 hours to define where and how to capture the vehicle notification attributes in the current system, 8 hours for database updates, and 16 hours for technical specifications. In addition, approximately 120 hours are needed for development, 20 hours are needed for testing, and 6 hours are needed for deployment and coordination with Law Enforcement.

In total, DMV estimates the need for 186 man-hours to complete this project. At a rate of \$110 per hour, adding the notation to a private passenger-carrying motor vehicle registration will increase General Fund expenditures by \$20,460.

Section 2. This section clarifies the procedure for an interim appointment made by the Governor when an office that is normally filled by an appointment of the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate becomes vacant during the interim period between regular legislative sessions. Since the clarifications reflect current interim appointment practices and do not alter the

roles and responsibilities of the Governor and the Senate, this section will have no impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Section 3. This section adds a procedure for an interim appointment made by the Governor when a head of an agency that is normally filled by an appointment of the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate becomes vacant during the interim period between regular legislative sessions. Since the procedure does not alter the roles and responsibilities of the Governor and the Senate, this section will have no impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Section 4. This section authorizes the production and distribution of a Drivers for a Cure license plate for both private passenger vehicles and motorcycles. Non-recurring Other Funds expenditures for DMV will increase by \$13,600 for producing and distributing 2 new plates.

State Revenue

The \$13,600 fee for the production and distribution of the two new special license plates authorized in Section 56-3-8100 is allocated to the State Highway Fund, which are Other Funds of DOT. In addition, the fee for each special license plate is the regular biennial registration fee plus an additional \$30. Any portion of the \$30 fee in excess of the costs of production and distribution is distributed to the Duke Cancer Institute. DMV estimates that the cost to produce and administer one special license plate is \$10.82. These funds are also allocated to the DOT for the State Highway Fund. The remaining \$19.18 per plate is distributed to the Duke Cancer Institute. The number of Drivers for a Cure license plates that will be purchased is unknown. Therefore, the revenue from the special license plate fee is undetermined.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Updated for Additional Agency Response on February 27, 2019 Introduced on January 8, 2019

State Expenditure

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In total, DMV estimates the need for 186 man-hours to complete this project. At a rate of \$110 per hour, the expenditure impact of this bill on the agency is approximately \$20,460. This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on a response from DMV.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on January 8, 2019

State Expenditure

This bill allows the DMV to add a notation to a private passenger-carrying motor vehicle registration to indicate that the driver may be deaf or hard of hearing.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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