

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Legislative Fiscal Note

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**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 1871 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Sex Offender/Out of State Registry/DMV Check.

**SPONSOR(S):** Representatives Goforth, Ray, and Glazier

	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>				
	<b>Yes ( )</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2006-07</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007-08</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2008-09</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2009-10</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2010-11</u></b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>DMV Personnel</b>	\$0 - \$60,400	\$0 - \$106,648	\$0 - \$109,847	\$0 - \$113,143	\$0 - \$116,537
<b>Equipment</b>	\$0-\$11,100	-	-	-	-
<b>Uniforms</b>	\$0 - \$900	\$0 - \$900	\$0 - \$900	\$0 - \$900	\$0 - \$900
<b>Range of Total Costs</b>	\$0 - \$74,400	\$0 - \$107,548	\$0 - \$110,747	\$0 - \$114,043	\$0 - \$117,437
<b>POSITIONS (cumulative):</b>	0 - 3	0 - 3	0 - 3	0 - 3	0 - 3
Department of Crime Control and Public Safety	<b>No estimate available</b>				
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>					
<b>Division of Motor Vehicles</b>					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> December 1, 2006					

**BILL SUMMARY:**

This bill rewrites the General Statute governing the North Carolina reportable sex offenses to include convictions in other states that require registration under the sex offender registration statutes of that state. The Division of Motor Vehicles will not be allowed to issue a drivers license or a special identification card to an applicant from another state until the Division has searched the National Sex Offender Public Registry to determine if the applicant is registered as a sex offender in another state. If the individual's name appears on the national registry, the driver

license and special identification card will not be issued until the applicant submits proof of registration pursuant to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes.

If the internet is nonworking in the driver license office at which the applicant is seeking a license or special identification, the individual must sign an affidavit stating that he/she is not on the National Sex Offender Public Registry in order to receive the license or identification. When the internet is accessible, the Division must verify that the individual did not appear on the registry. If it is found that the individual does appear on the national registry, the Division shall immediately revoke the drivers license and notify an appropriate law enforcement officer of the offense. The officer shall obtain a warrant for the person's arrest and take the individual into custody.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

- All local driver license offices and mobile units are currently equipped with computers and internet connections. This service could be provided at no additional costs; however, in order to maintain the current quality level of customer service, additional positions could be added to handle the additional workload that this added service would entail.
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles estimates that approximately 320,000 individuals present as first time customers to drivers license offices. Of those, approximately 40% are projected to be born in other states; therefore, it is estimated that approximately 128,000 searches will be conducted each year. Each search is estimated to take approximately 1-2 minutes on average, and the printing and signing of the affidavit would take one minute, for a total of approximately 6,400 additional customer hours. It is estimated that an additional three full-time equivalent positions are estimated to cover the additional hours of service.
- Any positions would be filled in December, per the effective date of the bill. The fiscal estimate accounts for up to three positions beginning in December and these positions are annualized beginning in FY2007-08 with a 3% cost of living adjustment included.
- It is projected that the impact this of this act on the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety will be minimal.

**SOURCES OF DATA:**

North Carolina Department of Transportation

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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