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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6557

BILL NUMBER: SB 124

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2022

BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Specialized Driving Privileges.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Freeman

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Young J

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

- (1) Provides that an individual subject to both an administrative license suspension and a court ordered license suspension must file a petition for specialized driving privileges in the court that ordered the suspension.
- (2) Repeals a statute requiring the use of a turn signal 200 feet before making a turn.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022; January 1, 2023.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* A civil costs fee of \$100 would have been assessed for each specialized driving privilege request that is no longer necessary under the bill. With a reduction in civil court filings, revenue to the state General Fund may decrease. A portion of the fee revenue would have been deposited into the State User Fee Fund. Additional fees may be collected at the discretion of the judge and depending upon the particular type of case.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary* - This bill could reduce court caseload to hear requests for specialized driving privileges. Reductions in court caseload will depend on the number of individuals with court-ordered and administrative license suspensions where the courts with jurisdiction are not the same as the county of residence and are also interested in obtaining specialized driving privileges.

Additional Information - The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) reports that most individuals who have a court-ordered suspension also have an administrative suspension. The county in which a citation was issued will have jurisdiction over the court-ordered suspension. The county in which the suspended individual lives will have jurisdiction over the administrative suspension. For those individuals who were issued citations in the county in which they reside, they can petition the court in their county of residence for specialized driving privileges. For those individuals who do not live in the county where they were issued the citation, currently these individuals must petition both the court in the county in which they live as well as the court in the county where they received the citation for specialized driving privileges. The bill would affect these latter individuals by allowing them to petition only the county court that has jurisdiction over their court-ordered suspension for specialized driving privileges for both the court-ordered and administrative suspensions.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If there is a reduction in civil actions or court filings that occur where court fees would have been collected, local governments would receive less revenue from both a portion of the civil costs fee and other fees that would have been collected.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, city and town courts.

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