

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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LRB Number 07-0948/2	Introduction Number AB-0639
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Description
 Electronic access by law enforcement agencies to photographs on motor vehicle operators licenses and identification cards

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations			<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs

Local:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, driver license and identification card photos maintained by the Department of Transportation (DOT) are generally confidential. One exception allows law enforcement agencies, upon written request to DOT, access to the photos for limited law enforcement purposes.

The Transaction Information for the Management of Enforcement (TIME) System is a computer-based data communications control center managed by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The control center computers interface law enforcement TIME System terminals to data files and provide the capability to send administrative messages between terminals. The mission of the TIME System is to facilitate the rapid and efficient exchange of factual information between law enforcement agencies.

Currently, when a law enforcement officer runs a "name search" through the TIME System, that officer has access to a number of records, including DOT driver records. Under Assembly Bill 639, DOJ assumes that DOT will add digital driver license and identification card photos to those driver records and provide Wisconsin, federal, and other states' law enforcement agencies electronic access to the photos via the TIME System.

To comply with the provisions of AB 639, DOJ will have to make TIME System database and information delivery modifications. To implement these changes, DOJ will incur costs to modify the TIME and National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) handlers, to change the existing DOT response XML schema and create a new DOT driver schema, and to upgrade the web server processor and random access memory capabilities. The department estimates that these costs will total \$81,460.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, recently awarded over \$1 million in federal grants to NLETS to promote and implement interstate driver photo sharing. NLETS is a nonprofit corporation chartered by the states and funded by user fees. NLETS is law enforcement's state-of-the-art criminal justice information sharing network. Wisconsin DOJ is currently in the process of applying to NLETS for a grant to cover the costs of implementing AB 639. The department anticipates receiving an award to cover some or all of its costs. The Attorney General is committed to using DOJ discretionary settlement funds to cover anticipated costs not covered by the federal grant.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications