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Bill Number: SB 1265

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Bill Title: Department of Motor Vehicles; driver communication improvement program.

Bill Summary: This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to develop and implement a program for the promotion, printing, and distribution of envelopes for use by drivers with a disability that can impair communication, as that term is defined in relevant law, provide to a law-enforcement officer for the purpose of easing communication during a traffic stop or upon such law-enforcement officer's arrival at the scene of a traffic accident.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: The fiscal impact of implementing the bill will be absorbed with existing agency resources.

Fiscal Summary: This bill would create a program to assist drivers with communication-impairing disabilities during traffic stops or accidents. This program would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to make envelopes available to drivers with certain disabilities who wanted to use them and to notify eligible individuals about the program. The fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles from implementing this bill is anticipated to be approximately \$14,500, including information systems, printing, and distribution costs. The agency would implement this bill using existing resources.

Other: This bill is a companion to HB 2501.