

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB517

Patron: Martinez

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

Bill Summary: Expands the driver communication improvement plan for the promotion, printing, and distribution of envelopes for use by drivers diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to allow use by drivers with a disability that can impair communication, which, as defined by current law, includes persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to (i) meet certain specifications for such envelopes, (ii) provide such envelopes on request without requiring a person to identify or provide proof of a disability, and (iii) notify certain persons of the program and provide instructions for requesting such envelopes.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: Any anticipated state fiscal impact related to implementation costs associated with this proposed legislation are expected to be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Motor Vehicles anticipates some costs associated with implementation of this bill, but these costs can be absorbed through the normal course of business operations.