Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB561ER **Patron:** Hope
Bill Title: Driving while intoxicated; refusal of tests; repeat offenders; ignition interlocks.

Bill Summary: Permits a court to issue a restricted license with immediate installation of ignition interlock systems for certain offenders charged with driving while intoxicated, refusal of tests, or repeat offender violations. The bill also directs the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program to convene a work group to evaluate the provisions governing driving or operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and submit recommendations and a draft report to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice by November 1, 2026. Current law requires various time limits of driver's license suspension for such violations before a restricted license may be issued.

Budget Amendment Necessary: None
Items Impacted: N/A
Explanation: See Fiscal Analysis

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated fiscal impact on state agencies from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) indicates this bill will have an impact on their IT operations, but costs are absorbable. The Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia indicates that any unanticipated costs that may arise from the bill are expected to be absorbable with existing resources. The Virginia Department of State Police (VSP) reported no fiscal impact.

Other: None.