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**LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2015**

**Bill Number:** H.445 **Name of Bill:** Motor vehicles; operator licenses; nondriver identification cards

**Agency/Dept:** Vermont State Police **Author of Bill Review:** Lt. Garry Scott

**Date of Bill Review:** 03/19/2015 **Related Bills and Key Players:** DMV

**Status of Bill: (check one)**

☒ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1<sup>st</sup> body ☐ As passed by both bodies

**Recommended Position:**

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Remain Neutral ☐ Support with modifications identified in # 8 below

**Analysis of Bill**

**1. Summary of bill and issue it addresses.**

This bill proposes to authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue eight-year operator licenses and nondriver identification cards.

**2. Is there a need for this bill?** Having to renew one's driver's license every 8 years would be more convenient to the license holder, but present problems for law enforcement. Most people when they move fail to update their current living address. A person's physical characteristics can change significantly in eight years. License checks is the most common way for law enforcement to find a person and accurately identify them. A border state, such as Vermont, should be looking to increase security and reduce chances for fraudulent identification. Eight years allows a large opportunity for fraud to occur.

**3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?**

Identification fraud is a growing epidemic in this country. Having proper and updated identification is one proven way to help protect individuals from being a victim.

**4. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?**

According to DMV there would be significant costs for modifications of the mainframes, data entry system and photo systems. There would also be a costs for the modification of various forms, manuals and web pages. DMV does not support this Bill.

**5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?**

Unknown exactly but there is an assumption that this could be a cost saving measure for the license holder and eventual cost saving to the DMV.

**6. Other Stakeholders:**

**6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?**

Civil liberty and minority support groups. These groups frequently support less government intrusion on their lives. People on fixed incomes may see this as a cost saving measure.

**6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?**

Vermont Law Enforcement agencies. Updated identification is a valuable tool in criminal investigations and prevention of fraud.

**7. Rationale for recommendation:**

The current law is working and modifications are unnecessary.

**8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:**

None

**9. Gubernatorial appointments to board or commission? No**

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document

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Date: 4/6/15