2014 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB5001 (Chapter 1)

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Department of Motor Vehicles

Item 435 (Not set out)	First Year - FY2013	Second Year - FY2014
Ground Transportation Regulation (60100)	**$157,194,383**	**$157,194,383**
Customer Service Centers Operations (60101)	$109,091,302	$109,091,302
Ground Transportation Regulation and Enforcement (60103)	$35,912,495	$35,912,495
Motor Carrier Regulation Services (60105)	$12,190,586	$12,190,586
Fund Sources:		
Commonwealth Transportation	$151,747,783	$151,747,783
Trust and Agency	$5,446,600	$5,446,600

Authority: Title 46.2, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, and 17; §§ 18.2-266 through 18.2-272; Title 58.1, Chapters 21 and 24, Code of Virginia. Title 33, Chapter 4, United States Code.

A. The Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles, is authorized to establish, where feasible and cost efficient, contracts with private/public partnerships with commercial operations, to provide for simplification and streamlining of service to citizens through electronic means. Provided, however, that such commercial operations shall not be entitled to compensation as established under § 46.2-205, Code of Virginia, but rather at rates limited to those established by the commissioner.

B. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall work to increase the use of alternative service delivery methods. As part of its effort to shift customers to internet usage where applicable, the department shall not charge its customers for the use of credit cards for internet or other types of transactions. To mitigate the impact of the federal Real ID Act of 2005 on customer service centers, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall promulgate policies to direct vehicle registration renewal transactions to more efficient delivery channels pursuant to the provisions of § 46.2-214.2, Code of Virginia. In addition, notwithstanding the provisions § 46.2-342, Code of Virginia, and in accordance with the newly released regulations governing the Real ID Act of 2005, the department may issue driver's licenses and identification cards with photographs in color or black and white.

C. In order to provide citizens of the Commonwealth greater access to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the agency is authorized to enter into an agreement with any local constitutional officer or combination of officers to act as a license agent for the department, with the consent of the chief administrative officer of the constitutional officer's county or city, and to negotiate a separate compensation schedule for such office other than the schedule set out in § 46.2-205, Code of Virginia. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any compensation due to a constitutional officer serving as a license agent shall be remitted by the department to the officer's county or city on a monthly basis, and not less than 80 percent of the sums so remitted shall be appropriated by such county or city to the office of the constitutional officer to compensate such officer for the additional work involved with processing transactions for the department. Funds appropriated to the constitutional office for such work shall not be used to supplant existing local funding for such office, nor to reduce the local share of the Compensation Board-approved budget for such office below the level established pursuant to general law.

D. The base compensation for DMV Select Agents shall be set at 4.5 percent of gross collections for the first $500,000 and 5.0 percent of all gross collections in excess of $500,000 made by the entity during each fiscal year. The commissioner shall supply the agents with all necessary agency forms to provide services to the public, and shall cause to be paid all freight and postage, but shall not be responsible for any extra clerk hire or other business-related expenses or business equipment expenses occasioned by their duties.

E. Out of the amounts identified in this Item, $297,052 the first year and $297,052 the second year from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund shall be paid to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

F. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department shall assess a minimum fee of $10 for all replacement and supplemental titles. The revenue generated from this fee shall be set aside to meet the expenses of the department.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department shall assess a $10 late fee on all registration renewal transactions that occur after the expiration date. The late fee shall not apply to those exceptions granted under § 46.2-221.4, Code of Virginia. In assessing the late renewal fee the department shall provide a ten day grace period for transactions conducted by mail to allow for administrative processing. This grace period shall not apply to registration renewals for vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. The revenue generated from this fee shall be set aside to meet the expenses of the department.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department shall establish a $20 minimum fee for original driver's licenses and replacements. The revenue generated from this fee shall be set aside to meet the expenses of the department.

G. The Department of Motor Vehicles is hereby granted approval to renew or extend existing capital leases due to expire during the current biennium for existing customer service centers.

H. Out of the amounts in this item, $200,000 the first year is hereby authorized to be utilized for a pilot project with the University of Virginia to evaluate virtual reality driving simulators as a tool for assessment of driving competency.

I. The Department of Motor Vehicles is hereby appropriated revenues from the additional sales tax on fuel in certain transportation districts to recover the direct cost of administration incurred by the department in implementing and collecting this tax as provided by § 58.1-2295, Code of Virginia.

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