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HB 409 — DMV ID CARDS & REGISTRATION FEES

Sponsor Statement

Sections of the statutes governing the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) have not been updated, leading to inefficiencies in the division and perpetuating indirect expenditure costs.

HB 409 streamlines the DMV statutes. It allows people the option to let DMV update their addresses based on the United States Post Office database, updates the judgement payment plan and proof of financial responsibility requirements, and raises the threshold for various insurance and accident reporting requirements to bring DMV in line with the Department of Transportation. The DMV thresholds have not been adjusted for inflation since 1985.

HB 409 also reduces the costs due to indirect expenditures by bringing the age for senior identification cards in line with senior registration, removing vehicle registration fee exemptions for amateur radio operators and municipalities, and adjusting the registration fee discount for charitable organizations. The bill generates revenue for the division by setting new costs for knowledge and road tests, which should also incentivize higher attendance and passage rates.

HB 409 streamlines existing statutes to help DMV operate more efficiently and productively.