Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL:	**Sub. S.B. 249 (LSC 127 1649-1)**	DATE:	**February 4, 2008**
STATUS:	**In Senate Highways & Transportation**	SPONSOR:	**Sen. Faber**
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED:	**No — Minimal cost**		
CONTENTS:	**Next of kin database**		

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FYs 2008 – 2009	FUTURE YEARS
State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W4)		
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	One-time database costs estimated at up to $60,000	- 0 -

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2008 is July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008.

- ***Bureau of Motor Vehicles.*** According to staff of the Department of Public Safety, its Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will incur a one-time cost estimated at up to $60,000 to implement the bill's required emergency contact database. Presumably, these one-time database expenses will be paid with moneys appropriated from the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W4), which is BMV's main source of financing for its annual operating expenses.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- ***Local government revenues and expenditures.*** The bill's next of kin database provisions will have no direct effect on local government revenues and expenditures.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Overview

For the purposes of this fiscal analysis, the bill most notably:

- Requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to establish a next of kin database, adopt certain related rules, and make the database operational not later than 180 days after the bill's effective date.
- Permits certain individuals to list one or more persons in the database that are to be contacted under certain circumstances involving a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation.
- Requires, under certain circumstances involving a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation, an employee of a criminal justice agency to make "a good faith effort" to notify the contact person.
- Provides that neither the employee nor the employing agency noted in the immediately preceding dot point incurs any liability if the employee is not able to make contact.

State fiscal effects

Revenues. The bill's next of kin database provisions will have no direct effect on state revenues.

Expenditures. According to staff of the Department of Public Safety, its BMV will incur a one-time cost estimated at $50,000 to modify various information systems and related programs in order to collect, store, and retrieve the bill's required emergency contact database. Additional one-time costs estimated at $10,000 could be incurred if BMV opts to develop a web application that would permit an individual to maintain their emergency contact information through an Internet connection. Presumably, these one-time database expenses will be paid with moneys appropriated from the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W4), which is BMV's main source of financing for its annual operating expenses.

Local fiscal effects

The bill's next of kin database provisions will have no direct effect on local government revenues and expenditures. That said, it seems likely that the availability of the database will permit criminal justice agencies to more promptly notify certain persons under certain circumstances than might otherwise have been the case under current law and practice.

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