

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Identification procedures for sex offenders		

SEX OFFENSE/REGISTRY EG +\$200,000 SG EX See Note
Provides relative to identification procedures for sex offenders

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Proposed law revises identification requirements for individuals required to register as sex offenders in Louisiana. Proposed law eliminates the current law requirement that driver's licenses or special identification cards display the words "sex offender" in orange and instead requires a QR code on the back of the license or ID to indicate registry status to law enforcement. Proposed law requires registered offenders to carry their license or ID at all times when outside their residence and to renew the document annually in person at a motor vehicle field office. Proposed law establishes penalties for intentional failure to comply, including fines and potential imprisonment. Proposed law provides for an effective date of January 1, 2027.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$375,355	\$750,710	\$750,710	\$750,710	\$750,710	\$3,378,195
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGR expenditures by approximately \$200,000 in FY 27. According to the Office of Technology Services (OTS), a professional services contract with the driver's license credentialing vendor will be necessary regardless of whether CHAMP modernization proceeds.

Department of Public Safety and Correction, Correction Services (DPS&C-CS) - Proposed law provides intentional failure to comply by proposed law up to \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months. To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the proposed law, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in expenditures. For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$29.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities. To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities will sustain Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGR associated with the reissuance of driver's licenses and identification cards required to comply with updated identification standards. OMV reported that there are 24,234 sex offenders holding various classes of driver's licenses. The following table breaks down the number of offenders by license class type, the associated renewal fee for each class, and the total potential revenue generated from license reissuance fees. This analysis highlights how revenue is distributed across different license classes.

Class Type	No. of Offenders	Amount for Renewal	Total Revenue
Class A	535	\$76.50	\$ 40,927.50
Class B	77	\$76.50	\$ 5,890.50
Class C	6	\$76.50	\$ 459.00
Class D	688	\$54.75	\$ 37,668.00
Class E	8,897	\$32.25	\$286,928.25
Class I	<u>14,031</u>	\$27.00	<u>\$378,837.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>24,234</u>		<u>\$750,710.25</u>

Proposed law may also increase Local Funds associated with the penalty consisting of a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both for intentional failure to comply. The exact fiscal impact on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted may vary from \$100 to \$500. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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