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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7224

BILL NUMBER: SB 538

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 31, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Jan 31, 2013

SUBJECT: Various Motor Vehicle Issues.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Wyss

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

- (1) Makes various changes to motor vehicles laws concerning credentials, convictions, and suspensions.
- (2) Amends:
 - (A) related definitions,
 - (B) certain requirements for various driver's licenses, and
 - (C) provisions concerning examinations and investigations for licenses.
- (3) Specifies minimum terms of suspension of driving privileges for various offenses.
- (4) Provides that an individual must be at least 16 years and 180 days of age to operate a farm wagon or certain other machinery on a highway.
- (5) Provides that a nonresident must be at least 16 years and 180 days of age to operate a motor vehicle on a highway.
- (6) Changes the membership of the Motorcycle Operator Safety Education Program Advisory Committee.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The majority of the provisions of this bill are technical in nature or clean up existing statute to match current practice of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *Summary:* This bill could increase the number of Class C infractions in the state. However, any increase is expected to be small.

(Revised) Additional Information:

Under current law, nonresidents who operate a motor vehicle in the state are not required to obtain an operator's license with the BMV if they are at least 16 years and 1 month old, have a valid operator's license from the nonresident's home state, and is lawfully admitted to the United States. Under the bill, these nonresidents must be at least 16.5 years old to drive in the state. Because there are states that offer operator's licenses to individuals who are less than 16.5 years old, this bill could increase the number of Class C infractions in the state.

This bill also increases the minimum age requirement for operating a farm wagon or farm tractor on a public highway from 15 years to 16.5 years. Violating these age requirements would be punishable as a Class C infraction.

The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

State Agencies Affected: BMV.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

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