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TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary

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SUBJECT: SB 400, noting ignition interlock requirement on the driver license

INTRODUCTION

This bill requires a DUII offender who is ordered to use an ignition interlock device to have that requirement noted on the driver license card. The bill will be expensive to implement and add many additional customers to the DMV field office. The department has a suggestion for an administrative solution that will be far less expensive and serve the purpose of the bill.

DISCUSSION

The bill requires a DUII offender who must use an ignition interlock device (IID) to go to DMV and secure a replacement driver license that notes on the card the IID requirement. When the IID requirement expires the offender may go back to DMV and get another replacement driver license that does not have the IID notation on it. The computer programming and vendor coordination to make this change is extensive. Adding thousands of people into the field offices for these new transactions will add to wait times for all customers.

DMV understands the motivation for the bill is to make it easier for police officers to identify when a person is subject to the IID requirement so enforcement is appropriately administered. Any officer who pulls over a motor vehicle driver has access to and looks at the person's DMV record. Today the IID requirement in that electronic record can be difficult to locate among all the data elements in a record. DMV could make a relatively simple change to the order of the record viewed by law enforcement so an IID requirement would be near the top – in the same area suspensions are found.

This solution has several benefits. First, when a driver is not carrying the driver license the IID mark on it is no help to the officer. But the electronic record is always there. Second, the monetary cost to the agency and the offender, and the time cost to everyone else in line at DMV, are reduced.

SUMMARY

The bill will be very expensive to implement, and add thousands of customers to DMV field offices. The IID marking on a driver license that is not in the possession of the stopped driver is of no use to the officer conducting the stop. Instead, DMV can make administrative changes to achieve the ends of the bill at a low cost.