

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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SENATE, No. 3383

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3383 (1R).

This bill requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), beginning no later than six months after the enactment of the bill, to provide electronic access to address and record search processes and other information and data maintained by the MVC to attorneys, medical providers, and other professional service providers. The bill requires the MVC to establish and maintain an electronic payment system through which an attorney, medical provider, or other similar professional service provider may pay a fee charged by the MVC for access to this information. If, six months after the enactment of the bill, the MVC has failed to provide electronic access to the information required by the bill and to establish an electronic payment system for access to such information, the Chief Administrator of the MVC is required to appear before the Senate Transportation Committee or the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, or their successor committees, or other legislative committee, at the direction of the respective presiding officer, to explain why the MVC has not implemented the bill's requirements and to describe actions taken by the MVC to implement the bill's requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that the bill would increase annual New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission expenditures associated with establishing a digital platform that provides electronic access of certain commission information to certain professional service providers.

Program implementation, which would include the development of safeguards to process the information request electronically, will determine the size of the commission's expenditures. Notably, the OLS anticipates that the commission would be able to use existing staff and resources to oversee the new process.

The OLS anticipates an annual State revenue increase attributable to the fee collections charged to certain service providers for providing electronic access to commission information. However, because the

bill allows the commission to determine the fees that are imposed on professional services providers and the number of service providers that will take advantage of this service is unknown, the OLS is unable to quantify the fiscal impact of the bill.