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SB BILL NO. 203

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE DRIVER'S LICENSE STATION IN EACH COUNTY OF THE STATE; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-5-101, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 61-5-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-5-101. Driver licensing responsibilities of the department. (1) The department shall maintain a permanent place of business at the state capital and shall provide the necessary staff, facilities, and equipment for the purpose of providing ~~driver~~ driver's license services as required by this part.

(2) The department shall maintain at least one driver's license station at the county seat of each county in the state."

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill requiring the Department of Justice to maintain at least one driver's license station in each county of the state.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Justice (DOJ) assumes that the intent of this bill is to provide driver licensing services at least one day a month at the county seat of each county within the state.
2. The DOJ is currently providing driver licensing services in 50 counties, of which 48 counties receive at least monthly services. To implement this bill, the DOJ will increase services to 2 counties, and provide services to 6 counties not currently receiving services.
3. The DOJ will use existing staff to provide the additional services. However, this may result in longer lines and/or decreased services in the existing stations.
4. To implement the bill, one part-time examiner will work 1 additional day per week at a cost of approximately \$5,300 (0.20 FTE, grade 11). It is estimated that each year staff would spend approximately 260 hours traveling an additional 12,300 miles; 90 hours setting up and taking down equipment; and 450 hours providing driver licensing services.
5. Operating expenses are estimated at \$14,100 each year of the biennium, representing \$1,400 for communications (telephone), \$400 for travel/per diem, \$9,600 to lease 2 additional image capture work stations, and \$2,700 for additional vehicle leasing costs under the state motor pool program. Equipment costs are estimated at \$1,200 in FY98 to provide computer monitors for the image capture work stations.
6. The DOJ is assuming that it will be able to obtain office space at no cost from local county governments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY98</u>	<u>FY99</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
FTE	0.20	0.20
Personal Services	5,300	5,300
Operating Expenses	14,100	14,100
Equipment	<u>1,200</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$20,600	\$19,400
 <u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$20,600	\$19,400

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