

Date of Hearing: April 16, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

AB 2357 (Voepel) – As Amended April 9, 2018

SUBJECT: Driver's licenses: renewal

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide written notification to a person who is required to pass a written driver's license examination in order to renew their driver's license.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Requires DMV to provide a written examination upon the application for an original license.
- 2) Allows DMV to require an applicant for renewal of a license to take the written examination as a condition of renewal if the department deems it is appropriate considering:
 - a) The Applicant's record of convictions and accidents.
 - b) In relation to evidence of a condition which may affect the ability of the applicant to safely operate a motor vehicle.
- 3) Restricts DMV from requiring the retaking of the written exam solely because of the age of the applicant.
- 4) Allows DMV to implement selective testing of applicants for public safety and may waive tests for purposes of evaluation of selective testing procedures.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown

COMMENTS: DMV can administer a written examination to applicants for a renewal of a driver's license for a number of reasons. In practice, DMV generally requires individuals who currently have points on their license at the time of renewal to take a written examination. They also require individuals who have been convicted of driving under the influence to take the written examination.

When it comes time to renew your license, DMV sends out a notice reminding you that your license is about to expire. DMV only requires individuals to come in person once every 15 years, and licenses expire every five years. Applicants are allowed to renew their license by mail, but may be required to come in to take a written examination for various reasons. DMV indicates on their notices for renewal if you have to take a written exam, eye test, thumb print or new picture.

Committee comments: It is unclear why this bill is necessary, as DMV already sends out written notices alerting drivers that they have to take a written examination.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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