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The Honorable Marvin L. Abney Chair, House Committee on Finance State House Providence, RI 02903

RE: 2024 H-7125 - AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES – SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES - VIOLATIONS

Dear Chair Abney:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes to express concerns with the potential fiscal impact of House Bill 7125 – An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Suspension or Revocation of Licenses - Violations.

The proposed bill would eliminate the required one hundred fifty dollar (\$150) reinstatement fee after a license revocation or suspension, as well as the required three hundred fifty dollar (\$350) fee for license reinstatement following certain alcohol related driving offenses.

The fees collected under this section of the General Laws are deposited into the general fund. Based on the five-year historical average of receipts, the Budget Office estimates that the proposed bill would result in a revenue loss of \$2.7 million per year for the fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

Additionally, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-2-27, the DMV assesses a technology fee of \$2.50 per transaction. These fees are deposited into a restricted receipt account, with the funds from that account being utilized for maintenance and support of the DMV's computer system. Based on an average of 14,400 transactions annually, the Budget Office estimates a revenue loss to this restricted receipt account of \$36,000 per year for the fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter R. Craddock, Esq.

Administrator

Cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

The Honorable Jason Knight

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House

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