



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1092

PRINTER'S NO. 1536

PRIME SPONSOR: Hill-Evans

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
Motor License Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1092, Printer's Number 1536 allows individuals subject to lifetime disqualification of CDL privileges to apply for reinstatement, subject to certain limitations.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends Title 75 (Vehicles) Section 1611 (related to disqualifications), to allow for reinstatement of a CDL for individuals who have received a lifetime CDL disqualification.

PennDOT may authorize the reinstatement of CDL privileges if a person has:

- Entered and completed a rehabilitation program approved by the Department of Health if the lifetime CDL disqualification resulted from DUI or the refusal of a chemical test.
- Entered and completed an approved driver improvement course
- Paid a restoration fee of \$100
- Met all requirements under Federal and State law to hold CDL
- Not been convicted of several offenses (listed within the bill) for at least ten years
- Complied with the requirements or conditions imposed by a court
- Had ten years lapse from the effective date of a lifetime CDL disqualification

The bill also includes an application process and a section related to subsequent convictions, which would facilitate the process of CDL reinstatement.

Lastly, the legislation provides that a person shall not be eligible for CDL reinstatement if such person has three or more driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance violations when the person was a commercial driver at the time of the violations.

This legislation would take effect in 18 months.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to PennDOT, the enactment of this legislation would require the addition of personnel along with IT system changes. The fiscal impact of those changes includes ongoing personnel costs of approximately \$165,000 per fiscal year and one-time \$210,000 for IT upgrades.

Specifically, the department would require two additional staff located within the Bureau of Driver Licensing. The employees would review applications and driver histories, in order to make a determination on eligibility. For perspective, as recently as November of 2022, there were almost 1,200 individuals with a lifetime CDL disqualification that is over ten years old. While some of the costs associated with enactment of this legislation could be offset by reinstatement fees, it is currently unknown how many of these drivers will seek to reinstate their CDLs.

In addition, the department would need to make one-time IT system changes. Those changes are related to costs for the creation of an application, fact sheets, information modules, and website updates.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.