

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1128

**PRINTER NO.** 1657

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Motor License Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 23, 2020

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Baker

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 1128 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for declaration of judicial emergencies by adding a new section delaying the suspension of a driver’s operating privilege during a judicial emergency.

This new section provides that during the time of a judicial emergency declared under Article V of the Pennsylvania Constitution, a commonwealth law, a rule of court, or other judicial order by the Supreme Court or any agency or unit of the unified judicial system, the Department of Transportation (department) shall not suspend the operating privilege of a person under Section 1533 (relating to suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation). In addition, the legislation provides that the department not withhold the renewal of the driver’s license of a person under Section 1503(a) (relating to persons ineligible for licensing; license issuance to minors; junior driver’s license) if the time period for taking the action or making the required payment expires during the declared judicial emergency.

The legislation provides that a person shall have an additional 30 days after the expiration of the judicial emergency to take the required action or to make the payment required under Section 1533(a) or (b).

This section shall apply to any judicial district for which a judicial emergency is declared. If a statewide judicial emergency is declared by a governing authority, this section shall apply to all judicial districts.

This new section shall be retroactive to March 18, 2020, to provide for the current judicial emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This act shall take effect immediately.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This legislation delays certain suspensions of a person's operating privileges and subsequent restoration fees charged under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1960 (relating to reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle registration). This section provides that the department shall charge a fee of \$70 to restore a person's operating privilege or the registration of a vehicle following a suspension or revocation. Under this legislation these payments would be delayed but not dismissed. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds but may result in delays of receiving revenue.