

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1177
Version:	Engrossed
Request Number:	
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Impact:	DPS, ODVA
	FY-2023 = \$450,000 appropriations need
	FY-2024+ = \$100,000 appropriations need

Research Analysis

SB 1177 directs the Department of Public Safety to indicate on a driver license or identification card a numeric designation indicating a veteran's 100% disability rating granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The measure allows the spouse of a 100% disabled veteran, who has not remarried, to receive a driver license or identification card indicating the status as an eligible spouse who is entitled to the sales tax exemption. The measure also directs the Department of Public Safety and Department of Veteran Affairs to implement a technology-based information exchange process allowing the Department of Public Safety and motor agents to validate an applicant's claim of veteran status, veteran disability status, status as a current spouse of an eligible disabled veteran, or status as an eligible surviving spouse of an eligible deceased disabled veteran.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure, as engrossed, would require the Department of Public Safety to note an individual's status and rating as a disabled veteran on driver licenses or identification cards. The measure would also require DPS to note the status of eligible spouses of disabled veterans. The measure would also require the Department of Veterans Affairs to cooperate with DPS to implement an information exchange process that would allow DPS and motor license agents to verify an individual's status.

Upon review and with consultation from affected agencies, passage of the measure may have a fiscal impact to the state. The changes in DPS driver license software needed to implement the provisions of the bill would be a one-time expenditure of approximately \$350,000. Implementation of the provisions of the measure by the ODVA would be a recurring expenditure of approximately \$100,000. This results from the need of ODVA to interface with existing state data platforms. These costs would require additional appropriations to absorb.

The total impact of the measure for FY-2023 is thus \$450,000. For fiscal years beyond this, the impact would be \$100,000.

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Other Considerations

None.

