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Senate Bill No. 601

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The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF CERTAIN
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FEES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "electronic payment" means the use of electronic ordering or the use of
3 payment mechanisms via interactive electronic mechanisms, such as
4 the Internet, to effect remote payment for goods or services.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the Commissioner of
6 Transportation and the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall allow
7 the payment of any fee for credentials for commercial motor vehicles,
8 as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, by means of an
9 electronic payment, shall not charge a service charge for any payment
10 made by electronic payment and shall accept as full payment of such
11 fee the amount of such fee plus any cost of the electronic payment. For
12 purposes of this section, "credentials for commercial motor vehicles"
13 includes any fees for registration, permits, fuel taxes, decals or any

- 14 other fee required to be paid for a commercial motor vehicle to operate
- 15 legally in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

FIN *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Transportation, Dept.; Motor Vehicle Dept.; Revenue Serv., Dept.	TF - Uncertain	(3,300,000)	(3,300,000)

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill language is unclear as it states that the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation and the Department of Revenue Services cannot pass on the surcharge for electronic or credit card payment, but is required to accept as full payment the fee amount plus any cost for electronic payment or credit card surcharge.

If the intent is to allow credit card payment without the surcharge being passed onto the payer and to accept as full payment of the fee less any cost for the electronic payment then the bill is anticipated to result in a Transportation Fund revenue loss of approximately \$3.3 million per year beginning in FY 05. The state would experience a loss because credit card fees (usually between 2.0 to 2.5% of the amount) will be deducted from payments made by credit card—but the bill prohibits this.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SB 601

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FEES**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the motor vehicles, transportation, and revenue services commissioners to allow commercial motor vehicle owners and operators to pay required operating fees and taxes electronically, through the Internet or other electronic remote ordering and payment mechanisms. It bars the commissioners from adding service charges to electronic payments but requires them to accept as full payment only the fee amount plus any cost for the electronic payment.

The bill covers fees for registrations, permits, fuel taxes, decals, and any other required commercial motor vehicle operating fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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