OFA BILL ANALYSIS

sSB 503

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT CONCERNING VISION SCREENING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR PRIOR TO EVERY OTHER RENEWAL OF HIS OPERATOR'S LICENSE

SUMMARY: This bill eliminates the requirement for vision screening testing. Under PA 90-265 and PA 91-408, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was to screen the vision of motor vehicle operators prior to every other renewal of the operators license. During the period beginning October 1, 1992 and ending September 30, 1996, the screening requirement applied to any motorist whose last name began wtih the letters "A" through "K". Motorists whose last name began with the letters "L" through "Z" were to be tested from October 1, 1996 through September 30, 2000. After the initial screening, the requirement applied to every other renewal. Motorists would have been allowed to submit vision screening results from a licensed health care professional qualified to conduct the screening, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, three months prior to renewal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1992

FURTHER EXPLANATION: PA 90-265 established the vision screening program. PA 91-408 changed the effective date of the program from July 1, 1990 to October 1, 1991. It also changed the dates when the program was to become operational from July 1, 1991 to October 1, 1992 through September 30, 1996 for motorists whose last name began with the letters "A" through "K", and from July 1, 1995 through September 30, 2000 for motorists whose last name began with the letters "L" through "Z".

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 42 Nay 0

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