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**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB647** by Patterson (Relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses; authorizing a fee.), **As Engrossed**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB647, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$1,716,750) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	(\$1,635,000)
2027	(\$81,750)
2028	(\$81,750)
2029	(\$81,750)
2030	(\$81,750)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2026	(\$1,635,000)
2027	(\$81,750)
2028	(\$81,750)
2029	(\$81,750)
2030	(\$81,750)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to remove certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses if certain conditions are met. The bill would also direct DPS to establish a process for electronic form and fee submission.

**Methodology**

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) provided DPS with an estimate of \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2026 to expand portal submission functionality to the Texas.gov website. The fiscal impact to DIR for software, application maintenance, and infrastructure costs would be \$81,750 in fiscal year 2027.

**Technology**

According to DIR, application development within Texas.gov has an estimated cost of \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2026, and ongoing infrastructure and maintenance costs of \$81,750 each year thereafter.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 313 Department of Information Resources, 405 Department of Public Safety

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