

FISCAL NOTE

March 27, 2017

Bill No:	SB 133	Printer's No:	555	Sponsor:	Ward (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	\$0	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: This bill would repeal the commonwealth's REAL ID Nonparticipation Act and require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to file a request for an extension of time for the commonwealth to comply with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 133 would repeal the Pennsylvania Act 38 of 2012, the REAL ID Nonparticipation Act, prohibiting the commonwealth's compliance with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005. Additionally, DOT would be required to submit a written request to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security petitioning for an extension of time for the commonwealth to comply with the provisions of the Federal REAL ID Act. The amount of time requested would be at the discretion of the DOT secretary. In complying with the requirements of the Federal REAL ID Act, DOT would be required to provide individuals seeking application for a driver's license or identification card an option to obtain either a standard issued driver's license or identification card. DOT would also be required to ensure that each standard-issued driver's license or identification card or REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card clearly stated whether it was REAL ID compliant.

Within 90 days of the effective date, the DOT secretary would be required to provide a report to the Senate Communications and Technology Committee and the House and Senate Transportation Committee. The report would include the estimated costs of all remaining requirements concerning the commonwealth's REAL ID compliance. The report would also include the estimated initial and recurring costs of establishing and maintaining a two-tiered system providing individuals with an option between being issued a standard driver's license or identification card or a driver's license or identification card that is REAL ID compliant.

This act would be effective immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: While there is no cost to repeal Act 38, the commonwealth would incur a cost to become REAL ID compliant. However, the exact cost is unknown at this time. While the commonwealth has made progress in making its state driver's licenses secure, further discussions with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security concerning additional REAL ID requirements are needed.