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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6726**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 158**

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 8, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 8, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Drive tests for driver's license applicants.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill defines a "drive test" as a Bureau of Motor Vehicles, approved examination given either by a commercial driver training school instructor or a high school driver training instructor for the purpose of determining whether a student has sufficient physical and mental ability to operate a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, to qualify for a driver's license. It defines a "motorcycle skills test" as a Bureau of Motor Vehicles approved examination given by a certified operation examiner to determine if an applicant has sufficient physical and mental ability to operate a motorcycle to qualify for a new or renewal motorcycle license or endorsement. The bill requires the Bureau to waive a drive test for a student who passes both a driver education class and a drive test given by: (1) a commercial driver training school; or (2) an instructor holding a driver and traffic safety endorsement from the Indiana Professional Standards Board. It clarifies that an individual who has held a motorcycle learner's permit for at least 30 days may apply for a motorcycle operator's license or endorsement.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The immediate impact for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission (BMVC) likely will be the reduction of the workload of certain employees who provide the road test for applicants. These applicants will be able to be tested by a commercial driving school or by an instructor holding a driver and traffic safety endorsement from the Indiana Professional Standards Board. The specific fiscal impact is indeterminable. The fund affected is the State License Branch Fund which supports the BMVC.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**