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Highlights

- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) may incur minimal, at most, additional costs related to implementing the bill's notice of state credential expiration requirements.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state's political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill allows the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to send an electronic notification to each person whose driver's license or state identification card is scheduled to expire not less than 15 days prior to the date of expiration and, if not renewed, to send another electronic notification not later than 14 days after the date of expiration. The bill also requires the Registrar to send a notice by regular mail to each person whose driver's license has expired within 60 days of the expiration date, instead of within 45 days of the expiration date as under current law, and requires mailed vehicle registration renewal notices to include a general reminder that applicants should check their driver's license or state ID card for the expiration date in order to renew on time.

Fiscal effects

Electronic notification

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) currently offers Ohioans the ability to opt in to receive a notification by email or text notifying them that their driver's license or state ID card is nearing expiration and reminding them to renew. Since the BMV already has the capability to send these notices electronically, it is unlikely that the bill's electronic notification provisions will result in significant additional programming or administrative costs.

Notification by regular mail

From 2022 through 2024, the BMV issued an average of 2,004,440 state credentials annually, as seen in the following table. According to the BMV, it costs an average of \$1.00 per mailing to send one letter or postcard via the Department of Administrative Services' printing and mailing services.

State Credentials Issued, CY 2022-CY 2024					
Category	2022	2023	2024	Total	Average
Driver Licenses	1,880,818	1,796,076	1,763,188	5,440,082	1,813,361
Commercial Driver Licenses	90,906	88,307	92,782	271,995	90,665
State Identification Cards	101,287	102,998	96,958	301,243	100,414
Total	2,073,011	1,987,381	1,952,928	6,013,320	2,004,440

Source: Bureau of Motor Vehicles

LBO estimates that the BMV is currently spending around \$100,000 annually to send, by mail, expired state credential notices under current law. Current law prescribes that such notice be mailed within 45 days of expiration. As of June 2025, the BMV reported sending 51,843 notices over the previous six months to individuals whose credential (this includes both driver licenses and state ID cards) has expired, as required under current law. Since the BMV does not retain such data for more than six months, LBO doubled that number to produce an annual estimate of 103,686, which appears to represent approximately 5% of the average number of annual licenses and state ID cards (103,686 of 2,004,440).

Presumably by allowing the BMV to send electronic notices not less than 15 days prior to and not later than 14 days after a state credential's expiration, the bill may induce more credential holders to renew prior to expiration, thus reducing to some degree the number of notifications that the BMV will ultimately have to send by regular mail. Further, by extending the time frame in which the BMV must send notice of expiration by regular mail by 15 days (from 45 to 60), the bill may further reduce the number of notices sent if expired license or state ID card holders renew their credentials within those 15 days. While the magnitude of any savings is indeterminate, the BMV will save an average of \$1.00 per expiration notice that is not sent by regular mail.

Vehicle registration reminder

The bill's requirement that mailed vehicle registration renewal notices include a general reminder that applicants should check their driver's license or state ID card for the expiration date in order to renew on time may result in minimal one-time costs for the BMV to include the reminder as part of the renewal notice.