

FISCAL NOTE

May 3, 2021

Bill No:	House Bill 987	Printer's No:	1000	Sponsor:	Rep. Hennessey (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2020-21	2021-2022
Motor License Fund	"See Fiscal Impact"	"See Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: House Bill 987 provides for the suspension of operating privileges and requires the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to update driver records within 10 months of passage.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 987 requires PennDOT to make the following updates to driver records:

- If a driver record shows an active sanction imposed by the department for a conviction under Federal, State or another state's controlled substance laws, the driver record will be changed to indicate the sanction has ended.
- If a driver record shows a pending sanction imposed by the department for a conviction under Federal, State or another state's controlled substance laws, the driver record will be changed to indicate the pending sanction will not be imposed.
- If a driver record shows an active suspension imposed by the department, the driver record will be changed to indicate the suspension has ended.
- If a driver record shows any pending departmental sanction, the driver record will be changed to indicate the suspension will not be imposed.

This bill will take effect 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: PennDOT anticipates a cost of approximately \$300,000 to fill two new positions for a 12-month period for the purpose of managing and manually reviewing and updating driver records and to implement IT system upgrades. Further, as of October 2020, the department identified 10,600 individuals who meet the criteria to have their driving privilege sanction imposed because of a drug conviction having ended. Loss revenue associated with waiving restoration fees is estimated to cost the General Fund \$805,000.