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Attachments: SCDMV_Proposed_Legislation.docx

Dear David and Katherine,

Attached is a word document of legislative language the DMV has crafted, reflective of the topics we briefed Austin and Katherine on a few months ago. Please let us know if any of these pose issues we need to address before prefiling.

An overview of the issues in the attached word document:

1. **Elimination of the 5-year eye requirement:** Beginning in 2013 via annual proviso, the legislature has suspended the need for South Carolinians to submit results of an eye exam at the 5-year mark of a 10-year license. Prior to the proviso, the need for the eye exam was not enforced. We would like to codify what has already been in practice via proviso.
2. **Guardianship/Custody:** Currently, only a "parent/legal guardian" can sign for a minor to receive a beginner's permit or license. This rule does not allow someone with custody but not guardianship to sign, nor does it allow step parents or another responsible adults to take on the liability. The DMV (and many legislators) field MANY complaints about this, so this language would seek to expand the list of individuals authorized to take on such a commitment. This language is currently being looked over by the folks at DSS, so we may have some edits to you once we hear back from them.
3. **Insurance Lapse:** The DMV currently offers an exemption to paying the \$200 fine for lapse in insurance coverage if the lapse is due to military service or illness. Adding "incarceration" to the list would account for those who are arrested but have no family/friends to turn in their car tag to the DMV and no way to continue paying their bills while behind bars.
4. **Free ID Card:** Currently, an ID card costs \$5 for those aged 5-16 and is free for those 17 and older. Change in legislation would limit someone to one free id per issuance cycle (5 years), with \$5 charged for every subsequent card. This is to address the issue the DMV is having with people seeking multiple ids (in one case, 23 in several months) because they are free.

Thank you,

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