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Subject: Amendments to House Bill 3538

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, the Motor Vehicle Subcommittee met and received testimony on H. 3538. A number of people commented on the bill. The subcommittee met again on Wednesday Feb. 12, 2003, to consider amendments. The amendments are:

1. Opposition to the 10 year D.L. came from the optometrists association for safety reasons and from the Dept of Transportation for funding reasons. There will be some language in an amendment that will be approved by the Governor's office.
2. The counties requested that the implementation date for them to issue decals be amended to July, 2004 for them to have time to set up to handle the procedure. Also, the Association of Counties requested that the fee of \$1.00 be amended to "no more than the cost to issue". The latter was not received well by the committee and probably will be amended to the counties "may" issue decals for a fee of \$1.00.
3. Language will be included in an amendment to separate funding from DPS for support functions. This will be done using similar language from the 1993 government restructure.
4. An amendment will be considered to give consideration to changing the implementation date to allowing the bill to be effective upon signature of the Governor but allowing flexibility for programs to be implemented.

If I can provide further information please let me know.