



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1079: DRIVE MOTORCYCLE WRITTEN PERMISSION

**Prime Sponsors:**

Rep. Bradley; Boesenecker

Sen. Bright

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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law

**Drafting Number:** LLS 26-0601

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note

**Date:** July 6, 2026

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill requires a minor to have written permission from a parent or legal guardian to obtain an instruction permit to drive a motorcycle.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

| Type of Impact          | Budget Year<br>FY 2026-27 | Out Year<br>FY 2027-28 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| State Revenue           | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| State Expenditures      | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| Transferred Funds       | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0                       | \$0                    |
| Change in State FTE     | 0.0 FTE                   | 0.0 FTE                |

## **Summary of Legislation**

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The bill requires a minor to have written permission from a parent or legal guardian to obtain an instruction permit to drive a motorcycle. This requirement does not apply to emancipated minors.

## **Comparable Crime Analysis**

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Legislative Council Staff is required to include certain analysis in the fiscal note for any bill that creates a new crime, or that either reclassifies or creates a new factual basis for an existing crime. This section identifies comparable crimes and discusses assumptions on future conviction rates resulting from the bill.

## **Prior Conviction Data and Assumptions**

This bill creates a new factual basis for the existing class A traffic infraction of violating state laws on instruction permits by making it a violation for a minor to obtain an instruction permit for a motorcycle without receiving written permission from a parent or guardian. From FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25, 1,057 offenders have been sentenced and convicted for this offense. Of those, 692 were male, 364 were female, and in one instance the gender was unknown.

Demographically, 818 were White, 71 were Black/African American, 112 were Hispanic, 8 were Asian, 4 were American Indian, 20 were classified as other, and 24 didn't have a race identified.

The fiscal note assumes that minors will comply with the law and that there will be few additional traffic infractions under the bill. Because the bill is not expected to have a tangible impact on criminal justice-related revenue or expenditures at the state or local levels, these potential impacts are not discussed further in this fiscal note. Visit the [Fiscal Notes website](#) for more information about criminal justice costs in fiscal notes.

## **State Expenditures**

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The bill requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to conduct programming to include the new written-permission requirement in the DRIVES system. The DOR can absorb this programming workload with existing resources.

## **Effective Date**

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The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 26, 2026, and takes effect on August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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District Attorneys

Local Affairs

Judicial

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).