Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2022 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1365						
Bill #: HB 279 GA						
Document ID #: <u>3993</u>						
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.						
Sponsor: Representative Mary Beth Imes						
Unit of Government: City X County X Urban-County Unified Local						
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government						
Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks						
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional						
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX_ Adds New Eliminates Existing						

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 279 GA defines "communication disorder" specific to this section as being a health condition or disability that may impede effective communication with a peace officer." At the time of application for registration or renewal, the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may inform the clerk of a communication disorder and request that information be included in the Kentucky vehicle registration system database. This would allow law enforcement to be made aware of a possible communication disorder.

The county clerk shall post a permanent notice informing the public of the availability of a deaf or hard of hearing or a communication disorder designation in the Kentucky vehicle registration database. Guidance is provided regarding letter size and posting.

The fiscal impact of HB 279 GA to local governments is expected to be minimal. Any reprogramming necessary to existing registration software will be a state expense. The cost of signage will be a county clerk expense but will be minimal.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

HB 279 GA keeps the provisions of HB 279 as filed and includes the following changes per HFA 1:

- Keeps the original wording of KRS 186.032 (4)(e) pertaining to deaf and hard or hearing and adds wording regarding a communication disorder. This is simply a clarification of the intent of the legislation.

This change does not affect the fiscal impact.

Part II refers to HB 279 as introduced. There are no prior versions of this bill.

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