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House Committee on Transportation
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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 3011, Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration

Judiciary's Position:

This measure would reduce the purposefully high objective standard, "completely dependent on the motor vehicle for the necessities of life," to a diluted and unspecified standard more akin to "inconvenience," particularly in families with multiple vehicles. We question whether this contravenes the original intent of the draftors, reflecting the seriousness of the offense of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. Will deleting "completely," give rise to the assumption that the consequences of these acts now cause a less compelling demonstration of need for the use of these constructively impounded vehicles? Will it become less compelling, indicating it could be of some use for any needs of the family?

Presently, we do not know precisely what effects this diminution of the requirements would have on the number of requests for special motor vehicle registrations. However, it is likely that there would be a significant rise and, accordingly, a need for staff and resource reallocation and/or an additional position and funding.

Finally, the impacts of refusing a special motor vehicle request are already a part of the deliberation process so this amendment appears to be redundant.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments on this measure.



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