NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 178 (First Edition)
SHORT TITLE: Two Year Driver Instructor License
SPONSOR(S): Proposed committee Substitute 6105

FISCAL IMPACT
Yes (X)   No ( )   No Estimate Available ( )

	FY 1997-98	FY 1998-99	FY 1999-00	FY 2000-01	FY 2001-02
HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES					
Schools	$2,840		$2,840		$2,840
Instructors	4,288		4,288		4,288
Total	$7,128		$7,128		$7,128

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: State Highway Fund

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1997

BILL SUMMARY: The proposed act changes the license renewal cycle for commercial driving schools and instructors from one year to every two years. The act does not increase the license fees. It adjusts the fees accordingly by doubling the current annual renewal fees. The commercial school license is $80.00 payable every two years instead of $40.00 annually. The instructors license is $16.00 payable every two years instead of $8.00 annually.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Highway Fund will receive and extra $2,840 in the first year from commercial school licenses. This amount would have been received in the second fiscal year rather than the first fiscal year had the licensing requirement remained annual. Because these fees are received in the first year, they are not received in the second year and represent a loss in that year. In addition, the Highway Fund will receive an extra $4,288 in the first year from instructors renewing their license for two years instead of annually. Currently there are 536 certified instructors. The act does not allow schools or instructors the option of renewing the licenses annually. The estimate does not consider any additional schools or instructors for the five year period.

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