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AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ALL. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Cost

The amendment requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to waive fees for certain applicants to obtain identity cards, and for libraries to provide printing and photocopying to comply with photo identification requirements established in the amendment, resulting in the impacts outlined below.

The amendment requires rather than allows the Commissioner of the DMV to waive the fee for any applicant for an identity card who does not have the means to pay such fee, including any applicant who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons or a certified homeless youth or certified homeless young adult. This will result in a revenue loss to the DMV.

Additionally, the amendment results in a cost of less than \$5,000 annually beginning in FY 26 to the Connecticut State Library (CSL) and municipal libraries, which may be reimbursed by the Office of the Treasurer (OTT). It requires any library in the state that is open to the public to make a photocopier available for anyone who has received an absentee ballot to make a copy of their photo identification. The cost to CSL and municipal libraries will vary based on the amount of copies made, but is estimated to be less than \$5,000 annually. The section allows libraries to seek reimbursement from the Office of the Treasurer

(OTT) for any cost associated with this provision but does not require OTT to provide any reimbursement. To the extent that OTT chooses to reimburse municipalities, there is a cost to OTT and a revenue gain to reimbursed municipalities that would vary based on the level of reimbursement provided. The amendment does not provide any funding to OTT for this purpose.

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