

TREASURY BOARD STAFF BRIEFING NOTE

REQUEST NO.: PSSG

T.B. MEETING DATE: JANUARY 24, 2011

TITLE: ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAM

ISSUE SUMMARY:

- In November 2008, Treasury Board approved the Enhanced Driver Licence and Enhanced Identity Card (EDL/EID) Program as alternatives to a passport for land and water border crossings between Canada and the United States on a user-pay cost-recovery basis (\$35 per card).

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CONTEXT:

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- In 2006, the Premier committed to exploring the EDL/EIC with Washington State. The EDL/EIC program was introduced in early 2008 with the announcement of the initial phase of the EDL/EIC Program. s.12,s.13
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- The first EDL/EIC was issued May 1, 2009, for a \$35 fee in addition to regular driver's licence fees. s.12
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RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE:

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**Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
Treasury Board Regulation Briefing Note**

Legislation:

- o *Insurance Corporation Act*

Issue:

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Purpose, Content and Context:

- o The EDL is a new, voluntary form of driver's licence to be offered to B.C. residents who are Canadian citizens for travel to the United States (U.S.). As well, an Enhanced Identification Card (EIC) will be made available under the EDL program for non-drivers and youth.
- o The EDL authorizes holders to drive and serves as an alternative to a passport for entry by land or water into the U.S. under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI).
- o The Province established the EDL program with amendments to the *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) under Bill 43 - 2008 *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 2008.

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Fiscal Management Considerations:

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Background:

- o On June 1, 2009, the United States will only accept a passport, an approved EDL or other approved border crossing document (such as NEXUS or FAST cards) as proof of identity and citizenship at land or water border crossings into the U.S.

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Ministry: Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG)

Fee or Fine Proposal Title: Enhanced Driver's Licence and Enhanced ID Fees

Target Implementation Date: May 1, 2009

Summary of Fee/Fine:

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Consistency with Government's Six Fee Criteria:

The proposal is consistent with Government's six fee criteria.

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Other Elements of Proposal:

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- The targeted implementation date for the EDL/EID is May 1, 2009 and the requirement for a passport for travelers entering the US by land or water is June 1, 2009.
- Government priority (Premier announced in January 2008 and made joint announcement in June 2008 with Governor of Washington).
- A pilot project (500 EDLs) is currently underway.

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