

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

MISSION

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) promotes safety on the State's highways by licensing drivers, registering motor vehicles, protecting the driving public and providing other related services.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Under the direction of the Commissioner, the Department operates from its main office in Albany (Empire State Plaza) and from three regional headquarters in Albany, Long Island and New York City. The Department also operates 31 district and branch offices which issue licenses and registrations. In addition, County Clerk offices act as DMV agents at 105 locations throughout the State.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will have a workforce of 3,364 for 2000-01 most of whom license drivers and register motor vehicles. Approximately 75 percent of these positions are supported by State tax dollars and 24 percent are financed by fees, including a portion of traffic violation fines in certain localities. The remaining one percent are paid with Federal grants.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends approximately \$116.9 million in State tax dollars in 2000-01 to support 58 percent of the Department's operating budget. The balance is financed by Federal funds and various fees and fines. These recommendations continue efforts to enhance customer service and driver safety, and support a variety of technology initiatives.

The driving public will now be able to renew their licenses for eight years. This proposal will include a new provision which provides for a refund on the second half of the licensing period should a motorist no longer require driving privileges in New York State.

The Department will also begin a two year program of reissuing New York State license plates for the more than nine million registered vehicles in the State. New plates were last issued in 1986 and many are no longer legible. In addition to the benefit of replacing illegible plates, this initiative will also help law enforcement identify fraudulent plates and uninsured drivers.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CUSTOMER SERVICE

DMV issues driver's licenses and vehicle registrations, collects approximately \$900 million in revenue for the State and localities, monitors driver training and enforces the directives of local magistrates and departmental referees. State offices are also responsible for conducting road tests and maintaining enforcement sections that issue conditional and restricted use licenses and handle other suspension and revocation activities. The Department of Motor Vehicles served more than 20 million customers last year.

The Department also adjudicates traffic violations at 11 locations in New York City, western Suffolk County, Rochester and Buffalo. This allows local judges and criminal courts to dedicate their activities to criminal matters. This program is funded entirely by fines collected from violators. After State operating expenses are deducted, remaining funds are returned to the jurisdictions where the violations occurred.

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During the past two years the Department has significantly reduced waiting times in the metropolitan New York area offices through the addition of new staff, creative work scheduling and quality management techniques.

Last year the Department began a pilot program in certain parts of the State which allows customers the ability to schedule road test appointments via a toll free number. This service will soon be available throughout the entire State. In addition, the Department's internet website was upgraded to enable customers to perform certain motor vehicle transactions and to use credit cards for all payments.

VEHICLE AND DRIVER SAFETY

Governor Pataki's highway safety policies have resulted in an historic reduction in fatalities on our roads. Contributing to this success have been enforcement efforts by State and local police, including a statewide crackdown to stop those who drink and drive or engage in aggressive driving on our highways, as well as enforcement activities which have increased seatbelt usage to 76 percent. These efforts have resulted in the lowest highway fatalities ever in New York State and the safest driving year on record.

DMV vehicle safety activities include: licensing and monitoring safety and emissions inspection stations; registering auto repair shops, dealers, transporters and dismantlers; and certifying vehicle inspectors, junk and salvage businesses and automotive body damage estimators.

Driver safety initiatives include implementation and oversight of educational or rehabilitative programs for motorists convicted of alcohol or drug related driving offenses, the point insurance reduction program and pre-licensing courses. DMV also licenses and monitors driving schools and instructors.

FIELD INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT

One of the Department's major functions is to issue credentials which establish the identity and license status of drivers, the ownership of vehicles and boats, and the authenticity of auto-related businesses. External investigation activities concern stolen automobiles, fraudulent identity and motor vehicle documents and complaints regarding unlicensed and suspended drivers.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 1999-00</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01</u>
State Operations	\$210,032,800	\$202,671,600	-\$7,361,200	\$6,840,000
Aid To Localities	7,028,300	12,800,000	+5,771,700	6,130,200
Capital Projects
Total	<u>\$217,061,100</u>	<u>\$215,471,600</u>	<u>-\$1,589,500</u>	<u>\$12,970,200</u>

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ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	2000-01 Recommended Average Fill Level				Change
	Available 1999-00	Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 2000-01	
Administration					
General Fund	314	272	....	272	-42
Administrative Adjudication					
Special Revenue Funds - Other	460	460	....	460	....
Clean Air					
Special Revenue Funds - Other	159	159	....	159	....
Compulsory Insurance					
Special Revenue Funds - Other	190	190	....	190	....
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee					
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	27	9	18	27	....
Operations					
General Fund	1,585	1,590	....	1,590	+5
Transportation Safety					
General Fund	670	666	....	666	-4
Total	3,405	3,346	18	3,364	-41

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
General Fund	\$123,864,900	\$116,892,500	-\$6,972,400
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	8,263,400	9,863,400	+1,600,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	76,404,500	74,415,700	-1,988,800
Internal Service Funds	1,500,000	1,500,000	....
Total	\$210,032,800	\$202,671,600	-\$7,361,200

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
Administration			
General Fund	\$29,185,100	\$31,953,500	+\$2,768,400
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,158,200	775,000	-383,200
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	28,760,600	28,760,600	....
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	9,711,700	9,711,700	....
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	14,271,100	12,983,400	-1,287,700
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	8,263,400	9,863,400	+1,600,000
Operations			
General Fund	85,158,300	75,261,000	-9,897,300
Internal Service Funds	1,500,000	1,500,000	....
Transportation Safety			
General Fund	9,521,500	9,678,000	+156,500
Special Revenue Funds - Other	22,502,900	22,185,000	-317,900
Total	\$210,032,800	\$202,671,600	-\$7,361,200

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STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL AND OFFSET FUNDS SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)		Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$12,524,800	-\$1,311,900	\$11,513,800	-\$1,309,000	\$113,000	-\$500
Operations	49,074,000	+27,800	48,898,000	+27,900	176,000	-100
Transportation Safety	23,509,000	+82,300	23,173,000	+82,700	36,000	-400
Total	\$85,107,800	-\$1,201,800	\$83,584,800	-\$1,198,400	\$325,000	-\$1,000

Program	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Administration	\$898,000	-\$2,400
Transportation Safety	300,000	....
Total	\$1,198,000	-\$2,400

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$19,428,700	+\$4,080,300	\$306,000	-\$400
Operations	26,187,000	-9,925,100	488,000	-9,625,200
Transportation Safety	-13,831,000	+74,200	910,000	-500
Total	\$31,784,700	-\$5,770,600	\$1,704,000	-\$9,626,100

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$119,000	-\$200	\$18,776,700	+\$4,081,000
Operations	25,000	-400	25,269,000	-298,900
Transportation Safety	1,041,000	-600	5,379,000	+75,800
Total	\$1,185,000	-\$1,200	\$49,424,700	+\$3,857,900

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$227,000	-\$100	....	....
Operations	405,000	-600
Transportation Safety	39,000	-500	-\$21,200,000
Total	\$671,000	-\$1,200	-\$21,200,000

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STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$775,000	-\$383,200	.....	.....
Administrative Adjudication	28,760,600	.....	\$15,802,100	.....
Clean Air	9,711,700	.....	5,720,500	.....
Compulsory Insurance	12,983,400	-1,287,700	5,726,200	.....
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	9,863,400	+1,600,000	411,000	.....
Operations	1,500,000	.....	.....	.....
Transportation Safety	22,185,000	-317,900	.....	.....
Total	\$85,779,100	-\$388,800	\$27,659,800	.....

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$775,000	-\$383,200	.....	.....
Administrative Adjudication	12,958,500	.....	.....	.....
Clean Air	3,991,200	.....	.....	.....
Compulsory Insurance	7,257,200	-1,287,700	.....	.....
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	202,400	.....	\$9,250,000	+\$1,600,000
Operations .....	.....	.....	1,500,000	.....
Transportation Safety	985,000	-317,900	21,200,000	.....
Total	\$26,169,300	-\$1,988,800	\$31,950,000	+\$1,600,000

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available	Recommended	Change
	1999-00	2000-01	
General Fund	\$50,000	.....	-\$50,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	6,978,300	\$12,800,000	+\$5,821,700
Total	\$7,028,300	\$12,800,000	+\$5,771,700

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available	Recommended	Change
	1999-00	2000-01	
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Special Revenue Funds - Federal	\$6,978,300	\$12,800,000	+\$5,821,700
Community Projects General Fund	50,000	-50,000
Total	\$7,028,300	\$12,800,000	+\$5,771,700

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