

**Supporting Senate Bill 1908 And Assembly Bill 3397, Increasing
The County DMV Revenue Sharing Rate**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Thomas J. Briggs offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Clerk has requested that the Ulster County Legislature call upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and members of the State Legislature to pass and approve Senate Bill 1908 and Assembly Bill 3397; and

WHEREAS, 51 of 62 New York Counties are mandated by the State to operate a local Department of Motor Vehicles Office; and

WHEREAS, local DMV offices process many no fee transactions on behalf of the State and provide numerous customer services; and

WHEREAS, under current law, the Ulster County Clerk pays 87.3% of all fees collected from the work performed by the County DMV to the New York State Motor Vehicles Department; and

WHEREAS, the remaining 12.7% County share has not been increased since 1999, yet the amount of work required by the County DMV Offices has increased in that same time period; and

WHEREAS, increasing the County DMV revenue sharing rate with the State will not result in any increased cost or fees to local residents or taxpayers and will provide counties with the needed revenue to continue to provide necessary local government services; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear inequity present when a county DMV provides all the services, including overhead and staffing to fulfill these DMV needs for State residents, yet the State is paid 87.3% of the revenue generated from said services; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S1908 and Assembly Bill A3397 provide a more equitable distribution of fees that would require 75% of all fees for in-office transactions to be forwarded to the State with the County retaining 25% of these fees, with the exception that the amount of County retention of the fee for Enhanced Driver's Licenses would increase from 30% to 60% and the counties would retain 8% of the total fee for internet transactions processed for their perspective county residents; and

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WHEREAS, counties recognize the important function of the State DMV in providing both support to counties and resident services; accordingly any loss the State DMV operational budget incurs from increasing county revenue should be made whole through the State General Fund; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature calls upon members of the State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 1908 and Assembly Bill 3397; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Executive Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, New York State Senators George A. Amedore, John J. Bonacic, William J. Larkin, Jr. and James Seward, and New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Frank K. Skartados, Brian D. Miller, and Peter Lopez,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on April 11, 2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$770,000.00- APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 18th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 21st Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature