

resolved. The bill also specifies that an affected person could apply to a district court judge for a limited driving privilege. The AOC anticipates that a relatively high portion of these individuals would apply for the limited driving privilege. Based on a survey of several district court judges, the AOC estimates the limited driving privilege proceeding would take 10 to 20 minutes. In addition, the AOC anticipates that there would be an increase in the frequency with which people request hearings to contest the validity of the revocation pursuant to G.S. 20-16.5(g). Currently, with suspensions only lasting 10 days, individuals request very few hearings and most are disposed of before a magistrate instead of a district court judge. However, in the context of a much longer "indefinite" period of suspension, the AOC anticipates that people would contest their revocations at a much higher rate. District court judges estimated that these hearings would take, on average, about 20 to 30 minutes.

There are no data available to indicate how many of the approximately 66,000 people each year who have their licenses revoked in a civil proceeding have pending impaired driving charges. However, the AOC believes that the potential increased frequency of requests for limited driving privileges and hearings to contest the validity of revocations could have a moderate fiscal impact on the courts. Specifically, the AOC anticipates the bill would create additional workload for district court judges, with some impact on magistrates and clerk personnel as well. However, since there are no reliable data, no specific impact can be estimated at this time.

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