

Supporting Senate Bill S4964B, 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, offers the following:

WHEREAS, 51 of 62 New York Counties are mandated by the State to operate a local Department of Motor Vehicles Office (DMV); 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 office 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 provided 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, the State Senate recognized this inequity placed on counties and attempted to reduce the burden of local property taxpayers by overwhelmingly passing Senator Patty Richie's bill S-4964, which would raise the 12.7% county share up to a 25% share; and

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 that occurs from increasing county revenue should be made whole through the State General Fund; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature calls upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and members of the State Legislature to require a substantial increase of the county DMV revenue with the State; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Executive Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and Ulster County representatives of the New York State Legislature,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$770,000.00- APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE