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HB1131, An Act to waive certain fees for nondriver identification cards for individuals who are homeless.

HB 1131 would waive the fee for acquiring a nondriver identification card or duplicate card if the recipient is experiencing homelessness. For the fee to be waived, the person must provide evidence of homelessness, including an affidavit from a government or nonprofit agency attesting to the person's homelessness. The fee may only be waived one time per person.

The South Dakota Housing Development Authority performs an annual census of the number of people who experience homelessness in South Dakota. Between 2019 and 2023, an average of 1,108 people experienced homelessness each year. Also, between 2019 and 2023, an average of 274 people experienced homelessness for the first time each year.

SDCL 32-12-17.2 entitles the Department of Public Safety to issue a fee related to the administrative cost of providing a nondriver identification card. The bill states the fee for a nondriver identification card is to be the same as the fee for a driver license in SDCL 32-12-16: \$28 for an original and \$15 for a duplicate.

Assuming each person experiencing homelessness otherwise qualified under the bill, those individuals would not be required to pay the \$28 for an original nondriver identification card.¹ In the first year, the state could expend **up to \$31,024** to cover the administrative cost of providing cards. In subsequent years, the state could expend **up to \$7,672** each year to cover the administrative cost.

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¹ For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed all individuals eligible for a free nondriver identification card would acquire an original rather than a duplicate.