

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 6/6/2005

LRB Number	05-2722/2	Introduction Number	AB-433	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Special plates for families of soldiers killed in combat					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a special group plate for immediate family members of persons who died in combat in the armed forces. The bill defines "immediate family member" as one of several relationships, and the bill does not limit the number of plates that any one of these related individuals may obtain.

The bill specifies that the plate must display a gold star flag. The bill requires that DOT consult the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation, Inc., in designing the plates, and obtain written approval of the design from that organization as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The bill specifies that law provisions requiring redesign and reissuance of license plates every 7 years do not apply to this special plate. In addition, the bill exempts this plate from the requirement, which applies to all other special group plates, that the registrant pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the plate.

In the first year that a gold star plate is available, there would be demand from families of persons who have died in both recent and past combat. However, it is likely that the greatest demand will come from families of those who died recently.

To date, 43 Wisconsin persons have died in Afghanistan and Iraq, since March 2003 – about 2 ¼ years. If most of their immediate family members were to desire a plate, that might mean that perhaps up to 10 plates might be requested from each family. This fiscal estimate assumes that perhaps 500 plates would be issued in the first year.

One-time cost:

Total cost in the first year is \$18,200. DMV would incur a start-up cost of \$10,200 for data processing system programming, which occurs before any plates are issued and regardless of how many plates are issued. In addition, DMV would incur a cost of \$8,000 in the first year, to process and issue 500 sets of plates. The bill does not appropriate funds to the DMV appropriation to cover this cost, and DMV cannot absorb this cost within its current budget.

Ongoing annual cost:

After the first year that the gold star plate is available, demand for the gold star plate would continue, depending on the number of combat deaths. If Wisconsin experienced perhaps 10 combat deaths per year, and each death resulted in up to 10 plates from immediate family members, then perhaps 100 gold star plates might be issued annually. DMV would incur a cost of \$1,600 annually. The bill does not appropriate funds to the DMV appropriation to cover this cost, and DMV cannot absorb this cost within its current budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
One-time cost of \$18,200, including \$10,200 for data processing system programming, and \$8,000 in the first year, to process and issue 500 sets of plates. The bill does not appropriate funds to the DMV appropriation to cover this cost, and DMV cannot absorb this cost within its current budget.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$800		
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs	800		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$1,600	\$	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	1,600		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$	\$	
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$1,600	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
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