

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 2/14/2005

LRB Number	05-0504/1	Introduction Number	AB-28	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Firefighter and EMT special plates for motorcycles					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, special plates are available for an automobile; a motor home; for a motor truck, dual purpose motor home, or a dual purpose farm truck with gross weight of 8,000 lbs. or less; and for a farm truck of gross weight 12,000 lbs. or less. Currently, 55 eligible special groups are enumerated. Among eligible groups are fire fighters, rescue squad members, and emergency medical technicians.

Currently, only one special plate is available for motorcycles: the veteran's motorcycle plate. The plate does not distinguish among service branches. The plate has a design in the upper left-hand corner, not impinging on the plate number, and allows up to 5 spaces for the plate number or personalized plate number.

AB 28 would create for fire fighters, rescue squad members, and emergency medical technicians a special group plate for motorcycles. While the bill as drafted would allow up to 5 spaces for the plate number or personalized plate number, that is not possible without the design impinging on the plate number. It is assumed that the special group motorcycle plate will have one position for the special group logo and up to 4 spaces for the plate number or personalized plate number.

VOLUME

There are currently about 13,500 firefighter, rescue squad, and EMT plates, or about 4% of the total 316,000 non-military special group plates. Of all non-military group plates, about 2800 owners also own a motorcycle. Assuming that about 4% of these owners are firefighter, rescue squad, and EMT members, and assuming that all of them desire a special group motorcycle plate, this would mean that about 112 motorcycles would be re-registered with the firefighter, rescue squad, and EMT motorcycle plate.

It is also assumed that this number will remain relatively constant over time. That is, every year it is anticipated that a few motorcycles might be added in these three plate types, and about the same number of motorcycles would be withdrawn, so that there would remain about 112 motorcycles in these three special group categories. This is consistent with the experience of the motor vehicle fleet as a whole -- the fleet as a whole grows by only 1% a year.

ONE-TIME FISCAL IMPACT

Cost:

Total one-time cost to DOT would be \$20,100. The bill does not appropriate funds for this cost, and DMV cannot absorb the cost within its current budget. One-time cost includes data processing programming, plate design, and re-registrations.

Data processing programming: DMV would incur cost to re-program the data processing system to authorize a motorcycle plate to be issued in the firefighter, rescue squad member, and EMT special group registration category. Changes would be made to the plate design and ordering modules so that a miniature version of the logo sticker and decal (suitable for the small motorcycle plate) would be ordered; to the "business rules" that check for the vehicle owner's eligibility as a member of the special group; and all changes would need to be tested to assure that they are working properly. It is estimated that 13 person-days of work is required, for a total cost of \$11,100.

Plate design: DOT would incur cost to prepare production-ready plate design, including graphic design, camera work, arranging and monitoring trial production runs, etc. This cost is estimated to be about \$7,200.

Re-registration: It is assumed that the 112 motorcycles that would be re-registered as special group motorcycle plates would be re-registered in the first year after the bill is enacted. DOT incurs a cost of about \$16 to issue a special license plate. This means that DOT would incur a cost in the first year of \$1,800.

Revenue:

Each re-registration would pay a \$15 issuance fee to DOT. This would be a revenue increase of \$1,700 in the first year. This revenue increase is deposited in the unappropriated balance of the Transportation Fund. The bill does not appropriate this revenue to offset any one-time cost.

ONGOING ANNUAL FISCAL IMPACT

Cost:

It is estimated that annually a few motorcycles would be registered with this special group plate. DOT incurs a cost of about \$16 to issue a special license plate. This means that DOT would incur a negligible cost of perhaps \$100 annually.

Revenue:

Each special plate pays a \$15 issuance fee. This means that the Transportation Fund would receive a negligible amount of increased revenue of perhaps \$100 annually.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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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 to DOT of \$20,100. The bill does not appropriate funds for this cost, and DMV cannot absorb this cost within its current budget. One-time revenue increase to the Transportation Fund of \$1,700. Revenue is deposited in the unappropriated balance of the Transportation Fund and is not appropriated to offset any one-time cost.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$negligible	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$negligible	\$
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