

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 3/9/2009

LRB Number	09-0785/1	Introduction Number	AB-0049	Estimate Type	Original
Description Special distinguishing registration plates for motorcycles owned by veterans					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

Currently, a motorcycle special license plate is available for US veterans. The motorcycle plate, 4" X 7," is available in one design only, regardless of branch of service, military campaign, or award. In DMV's vehicle registration system, this is the Veterans Motorcycle Plate type.

The plate displays

- q A US flag in the upper left area of the plate;
- q A legend on the top of the plate saying "US veteran"; and
- q Abbreviations for Wisconsin, April (the expiration month), and space for the year expiration sticker on the bottom of the plate.

Space on the Veterans Motorcycle Plate is extremely limited. The plate has only one design because space does not allow for logos on the left of the plate number, as on full-size Military Group Plates. The US flag fits in the upper left area of the Veterans Motorcycle Plate only because it is designed to take advantage of the angle of the corner. The license plate number is allocated to use all five spaces physically available from left to right on the license plate.

This bill would require DMV to issue to a person who has a Veterans Motorcycle Plate, a decal denoting whichever of the 49 enumerated military special groups, or the Medal of Honor or Ex-Prisoner-of-War, the person requests and is eligible for. Because the bill enumerates not only service branches, campaigns, and awards under s.341.14(6r), but also the Medal of Honor and Ex-Prisoner-of-War, a person could request multiple decals for one motorcycle plate.

The bill adds motorcycle registered with the Veterans Motorcycle Plate to the list of vehicles registered with special plates that are eligible to receive a medal decal denoting an armed forces medal that the registrant received. However, the bill prohibits DOT from issuing the same decal under both provisions (that is, s.341.142 "veterans honorary medal decals" and s.341.14(6w) veterans motorcycle plate) for the same medal.

The decals under this bill would be extremely small to fit on the plate without obscuring the plate number, expiration year or month, plate type, or the US flag.

The bill is effective on the first day of the fifth month following publication.

FISCAL IMPACT

ONE-TIME FISCAL IMPACT

Total one-time cost would be \$51,900. The bill does not fund the cost, and DMV cannot absorb this cost within its current budget.

The cost includes \$34,000 for 40 workdays, for data processing modifications. DMV must program for the possibility that an applicant may choose multiple decals for one Veterans Motorcycle Plate, from among the 51 enumerated groups – or no decal at all.

DMV's system does not currently allow for multiple decals to be chosen for one plate type at the same time. Thus, significant and complex programming must be done to accomplish that. Changes are also needed in the computer processing "window" viewed and filled in by DMV staff; and in several linked registration sub-systems such as plate ordering, renewal, printing, and inquiry sub-systems. In addition, DMV's internet web system that dealers use to process title and registration applications must be changed. Finally, changes to the DMV system and also the system connections to dealers and other third parties must be tested extensively to make sure the processes work without causing unforeseen problems.

The cost also includes an estimated \$17,900 graphic design cost. A single decal would require 10 hours of graphic design time. However, because there are 51 decals to be designed, repetition would reduce the per-unit time required for subsequent decals. DMV estimates an average 5 hours per decal.

ON-GOING ANNUAL FISCAL IMPACT

DMV would incur minimal on-going cost, which DMV can absorb within its current budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 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): Total one-time cost would be \$51,900. The bill does not fund the 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	\$		\$
(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, 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		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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