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ATTN: Ben Nerad

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. As you can see, the attached draft is significantly different from the "/1" version.

The funding issues in this draft are more complex than might appear at first blush (especially considering the relatively small amount involved). The funding mechanism in the draft is imperfect but I could not think of any way to improve it. I think it is good enough, but perhaps DOT will have some suggestions.

There are two small problems with the funding mechanism here:

1. The \$25 fee will be of little use in covering the costs of plate development unless this money gets into DMV's hands. Accordingly, I have included an appropriation increase for DMV of \$11,800 for the year in which the bill takes effect. However, to the extent DOT receives gifts or contributions, that money will flow through appropriation account s. 20.395 (4) (ch) to DMV. For this reason, the \$11,800 appropriation increase would be too much if gifts or contributions are received, but there is no way of knowing whether and in what amount these gifts or contributions will materialize.
2. The \$11,800 is appropriated from the transportation fund this fiscal biennium. However, there is no way of knowing whether the increased \$11,800 in revenues from the bill will materialize this fiscal biennium or further into the future. If the full amount of revenues does not materialize this fiscal biennium, there will be a slight effect on the transportation fund deficit. Also, as with other registration fees, the revenues generated from this draft are first pledged for repayment of revenue bonds and, if not needed for this purpose, return to the transportation fund.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions.

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