

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 10/6/2009

LRB Number	09-2318/1	Introduction Number	AB-0394	Estimate Type	Original
Description The color and design of special distinguishing registration plates for fire fighters and emergency medical technicians					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

This bill requires DMV to return the Firefighter and the Emergency Medical Technician/ First Responder plate to the design and color that it was immediately prior to January 1, 2007, when DMV began issuing a new design and color plate as required under statute 341.135.

The new design displays "Wisconsin" in red at the top of the plate and the group name in red at the bottom of the plate (the standard look for all plates) and displays a new look logo, on a white background and black plate number. The old design displayed "Wisconsin" in white at the bottom of the plate and the group name in white at the top, an old look logo, and the plate number in red, on a plate with red bands at the top and bottom.

This bill removes the Firefighter and the Emergency Medical Technician/ First Responder plates from the s.341.135 requirement to reissue plates.

The bill allows a person who was issued a Firefighter or Emergency Medical Technician/First Responder plate of the "reissued" look (January 1, 2007 to the effective date of the bill) to obtain a replacement plate in the prior design (which would be available after the effective date of the bill), if the person pays required replacement plate fee of \$10 for a set of 2 plates.

The bill has a delayed effective date of the first day of the third month after publication.

FISCAL IMPACT

ONE-TIME COST

Replacement plates: The bill allows any holder of a Firefighter or EMT/First Responder plate who was issued a plate of the new look, who wishes to have a plate with the old look, to obtain replacement plates in the old look. The person would be required to pay the replacement plate fee of \$10 for a set of 2 plates. The \$10 fee is deposited into the Transportation Fund, but is not appropriated to DMV's appropriation for expenditure.

While some people may dislike the new plate design, some people may like the design. When the military group plates reverted to the "old" look and registrants could obtain replacement plates in the old look, 3% of those eligible had requested replacement plates within the first 5 months – and almost three-fourths of those came within the first two months.

Based on that experience, DMV estimates that perhaps 5% of the approximately 11,000 Firefighter and EMT/First Responder plates currently registered would be replaced — about 550 replacement plates. Replacement plates require about 17.7 minutes each for processing and mail handling. Thus, DMV would require 162 LTE work hours to process applications, largely during the first two months, for a cost of \$2,500. The cost of 550 sets of plates and stickers, and postage, would be \$4,400.

Inventory in stock: DMV currently has sufficient inventory of sheeting and decals to issue new plates for over 3 years. DMV would incur a cost of \$10,300 to discard this unused sheeting and decals.

Total one-time cost would be \$17,200. The bill does not fund this cost, and DMV cannot absorb the cost within its current budget.

ONE-TIME REVENUE

An applicant for replacement special group plates pays a fee of \$10 for a set of two plates. This fee is deposited in the balance of the Transportation Fund and is not appropriated to any appropriation.

If 550 replacement plates were ordered, the Transportation Fund would receive a one-time revenue increase of \$5,500. These funds are not appropriated to any appropriation.

ON-GOING ANNUAL FISCAL IMPACT

No on-going annual fiscal impact results from this bill.

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 \$17,200. The bill does not fund this cost, and DMV cannot absorb the cost within its current budget. The Transportation Fund would receive a one-time revenue increase of \$5,500. These funds are not appropriated to any appropriation.			
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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