

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-5030/1	Introduction Number AB-0893
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Description
 special registration plates providing admission to state parks and recreation areas and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The current fee required to purchase an annual resident vehicle admission sticker under Wisconsin State Statute 27.01(7)(f) is \$27.50 plus a \$0.50 administrative issuing fee under 27.01(7)(gr) for a total of \$28. This segregated revenue is deposited into the parks account of the conservation fund.

AB 893 creates an alternative for Wisconsin citizens to obtain vehicle admission to Wisconsin State Parks using a special Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) issued license plate. The voluntary fee attached to the vehicle plate registration would be \$27.50, equal to statutory authority in 27.01(7)(f), above the standard DOT vehicle license plate and registration fees.

Fiscal Effect

A. Revenue

1. Since the Department has not administered such a program before and the number of specialty license plates available to Wisconsin residents is different from other states, the Department's projection of potential new park-admission license plates beyond existing sticker purchasers switching to a park-admission license plate is currently indeterminate. As the 2018-19 biennial budget requires DNR to explore a similar passport license plate with DOT, the Department hopes to have more information about this in the future.

2. Since the proposed \$27.50 license plate fee is \$0.50 less than the current annual sticker fee of \$28, there would be an indeterminate reduction in revenue deposited into the parks account associated with residents that would switch from an annual sticker to the license plate alternative. In 2017, there were total sales of 188,518 Wisconsin resident annual vehicle admission stickers. As a hypothetical example, for every 10% (18,852) of residents who opt to switch from an annual sticker to a license plate, it would equate to a \$9,400 loss in annual parks account revenue ($188,518 \times 0.1 = \$18,852 \times \$0.50 = \$9,426$).

B. Costs

1. Assuming the front license plate would be clearly visible upon entering the property, Department staff should be able to ensure compliance when vehicles are entering with no extra time or work effort required.

2. AB 893 does not amend the requirement for DNR to administer the current law vehicle admission sticker statute; therefore, administrative costs to design, print, and distribute annual vehicle admission stickers would remain similar to current costs.

3. AB 893 will result in a one-time cost of \$23,700 to pay the Department of Transportation for the initial costs of license plate production. These costs would be paid in the form of DOT withholding payments of the additional license plate/renewal fee until the first 862 license plates have been sold/renewed ($\$23,700 \div \$27.50 = 862$).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications