

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1699

As Engrossed: 3/20/2013

Bill Subtitle: TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE AND SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE FOR MEMBERS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Basic Change :

Representatives Vines, J. Edwards

The bill creates a special passenger type license plate and a special motorcycle license plate for members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), members of Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, Men's Auxiliary to the VFW, Auxiliary to the VFW, Junior Girls of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, and Sons of the VFW. With the bill as originally written the plates would have been issued to all eligible applicants at a fee of one dollar (\$1.00). With the 3/20/13 Engrossment, only the veteran who served in the military will be eligible for the plates at the one-dollar \$1.00 fee and all other eligible applicants must pay the regular registration fee for the vehicle.

Revenue Impact :

There would be an unknown decrease in revenues to the Highway and Transportation Department, depending on the additional number veterans that are eligible for the new plate at the reduced fee. Some veterans who would become eligible for the new plate would already be eligible for a reduced fee military plate under current law. The revenue loss would be created with issuance of reduced fee plates to veterans who would become eligible for the plate, and are not currently eligible for a reduced fee military because they have not served in a war on conflict authorized under current law. These additional veterans would be eligible to register a vehicle they own at the reduced fee when currently they must pay the regular fee vehicles. The exact amount of the loss in funds to AHTD cannot be determined.

There will be an unknown increase in revenue to the Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship Fund depending on the number of eligible applicants choose to register their vehicle with the special plate.

Taxpayer Impact :

With bill as originally written all members of the organizations listed in the bill could register their passenger cars, pickups, and motorcycles with special plates at a fee of one dollar (\$1.00). With the 3/20/13 Engrossment, only the veteran who served in the military will be eligible for the reduced fee and members of the auxiliary organizations must pay the regular fee for registration.

Resources Required :

None

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided.

Procedural Changes :

Program the motor vehicle computer system for the special plates.

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Other Comments :

None

Legal Analysis :

As engrossed 3/20/13, this bill:

- Provides for the issuance of a Veterans of Foreign Wars motorcycle license plate to an eligible applicant. The new section for motorcycles will be correctly codified in subchapter 1 of Title 27, Chapter 20. The fee for the veteran is \$1.00 for issuance and renewal. The fee to qualified applicants other than the veteran is the regular fee for licensing a motorcycle.
- Provides for the issuance of a Veterans of Foreign Wars special motor vehicle license plate to an eligible applicant. The fee for the veteran is \$10.00 for the issuance and renewal of the first plate and \$10.00 plus the regular fee for licensing a motor vehicle for the issuance and renewal of each additional plate. The fee for issuance and renewal to qualified applicants other than the veteran is \$10.00 and the regular fee for licensing a motor vehicle.
- The \$10.00 fundraising fee is remitted to the Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship Fund.

The act is effective on January 1, 2014.