



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2301

PRINTER'S NO. 3405

PRIME SPONSOR: Neilson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
Motor License Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: HB 2301 PN 3405 provides for multiple different types of license plates and vehicle registrations. Section 1901 of the legislation would take effect in five months, while the remainder will take effect in 120 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends or creates multiple sections within Title 75 (Vehicles) as follows:

- Creates Section 1356.1 (related to special plates for recipients of global war on terrorism expeditionary medal) to require PennDOT to issue such license plate for a cost of \$26, in addition to the registration fee required.
- Amends Section 1358.2 (related to distracted driving awareness plate) to remove the December 31, 2025, expiration date, and make the plate permanent.
- Amends Section 1361 (related to special motorcycle plates for veterans) and 1364 (related to special plates for veterans) to require PennDOT to issue such license plate for a cost of \$26, in addition to the registration fee required. The plate can only be used on motorcycles, and passenger cars or trucks up to 14,000 pounds.

The legislation also expands the existing Honoring Our Women Veterans license plate to motorcycles. The plate costs \$41 in addition to the registration fee. The Veterans' Trust Fund receives \$15 of the fee to be used for programs that assist women veterans.

- Creates Section 1368.4 (related to special plates for recipients of Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal) to require PennDOT to issue such license plate for a cost of \$26, in addition to the registration fee required.
- Amends Section 1901 (related to exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees) to exempt the following vehicles from titling or registration fees:
 - Vehicles registered to a veteran who lost a limb or eye or who became partially paralyzed, while serving in the US Armed Forces
 - Vehicles registered to a person who, as a member of the US Armed Forces, was captured by the enemy in any armed conflict for which the Department of Defense authorizes a campaign medal
 - Vehicles registered to a person who has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor or the Purple Heart

This legislation also provides that only one passenger car or truck up to 9,000 pounds per registered owner qualifies for this waiver.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of HB 2301 would be a function of the number of newly created plates issued within Sections 1356.1/1368.4, the expansion of Section 1361, the number of waivers issued related to registration and titling within Section 1901, and the permanent extension related to Distracted Driving Awareness Plate within Section 1358.2. The resulting fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds is indeterminate, as a result of the unknown number of plates and waivers issued. The fiscal impact, however, would be realized in the Motor License Fund.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.