



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1486

PRINTERS NO. 3130

PRIME SPONSOR: O'Neal

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Motor License Fund	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** Creates the Blue Star Family License Plate for family members of active-duty service members in the military. This legislation would take effect in 120 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation creates section 1366.2 (related to Blue Star Family Plate) under Title 75 (Vehicles). Under this section, PennDOT must issue to a family member of a person, who is an active-duty service member in the military, including a reserve component or national guard, a special registration plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a family member of a person serving on active duty in the military or a reserve component or national guard. The plate will have a fee of \$23 in addition to the annual registration fee.

PennDOT must design and produce this plate carrying the Blue Star which signifies that a family member is an active-duty service member which includes a reserve component or national guard. The words "Blue Star Family" must be clearly displayed along the bottom of the plate. The plate can only be used on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

PennDOT must require an applicant for the Blue Star Family plate to certify on a form that they are a family member of a person who is an active-duty service member in the military including a reserve component or national guard.

A person issued a Blue Star Family plate is not required to return the plate to PennDOT if a family member no longer serves on active duty. PennDOT is not required to periodically verify that a person issued a Blue Star Family plate still has a family member in active duty after the initial issuance of the plate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to PennDOT, this legislation would cost roughly \$14,500 for systems changes and \$500 for the license plate design. These costs could be absorbed within current allocated funds. If 5,000 of these specialty plates are sold, this would result in \$115,000 in revenue to 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.*