

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1830

PRINTER'S NO. 3288

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 24, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Bear

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to TRANSPORTATION, Oct. 24, 2011

Reported as committed, Dec. 7, 2011

First consideration, Dec. 7, 2011

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Second consideration, Jan. 25, 2012

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In the Senate

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1830 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by adding two new sections (§1357.1 and §1366) providing for special registration plates for individuals in the service of the United States Merchant Marine and veterans and members of United States Military Airborne units.

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Specifically, this legislation does the following:

- Requires the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to issue a special registration plate upon application of any person who was in the service of the United States Merchant Marine during World War II. This special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.
- Requires the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to issue a special registration plate upon application of any person who is a veteran of or a member of a United States Military Airborne unit. This special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 10,000 pounds.

The legislation contains a definition of the term "veteran of or a member of a United States Military unit."

Finally, the legislation establishes a one-time initial application fee of \$20.00 for each application submitted to the Department for such special registration plates. This fee is in addition to the annual registration fee.

This act shall take effect in 180 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with designing and manufacturing these special registration plates includes the following:

- One-time cost of approximately \$500.00 for the original design and mold; and
- Approximately \$4.00 for materials and labor for each special registration plate manufactured.

It is assumed that the number of applications submitted to the Department for these special registration plates, along with the fees collected with such applications, would cover the costs associated with designing and manufacturing such plates.

Therefore, it is determined that there would be no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds with the enactment of this legislation.