

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1486

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AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

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PRIME SPONSOR

Representative O'Neal

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1486 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by adding a new section 1366.2 (relating to Blue Star Family plate) to authorize the Department of Transportation (department) to issue a special registration plate to military family members.

Upon application of a family member of a person who is an active duty service member of the military (including a reserve component or National Guard), accompanied by a fee of \$23 which shall be in addition to the registration fee and other required documentation, the department shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a family member of a person who is serving on active duty.

The department shall design and produce the special registration plate with the words "Blue Star Family" clearly displayed along the bottom of the plate. The 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.

An applicant for a Blue Star Family plate shall certify that the applicant is a family member of a person who is an active duty service member of the military. The legislation defines "family member" as any of the following:

- 1) Mother;
- 2) Father;
- 3) Stepmother;
- 4) Stepfather;
- 5) Mother through adoption;
- 6) Father through adoption;
- 7) Foster mother in loco parentis;
- 8) Foster father in loco parentis;
- 9) Son;
- 10) Daughter;

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- 11) Stepson;
- 12) Stepdaughter;
- 13) Son by adoption;
- 14) Daughter by adoption;
- 15) Brother;
- 16) Sister;
- 17) Half-brother;
- 18) Half-sister;
- 19) Grandfather;
- 20) Grandmother; or
- 21) Spouse.

Currently, the department issues 49 other special registration plates. This act shall take effect in 120 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the department, enactment of this legislation will result in a fiscal impact of approximately \$40,000 for system changes and \$500 for the special registration plate design. These costs are capable of being accommodated within the department's current workload and budget.

For every 1,000 Blue Star Family registration plates produced and issued, \$23,000 of additional revenue will be generated for the Motor License Fund.