

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 770

**PRINTER'S NO.** 3104

**AMOUNT**

Undetermined Amount of Additional Revenue

**FUND**

Motor License Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

February 25, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Adolph

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 770 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to create an "Appalachian Trail Conservancy" special registration plate and make certain changes to provisions related to personal registration plates.

Specifically, this legislation does the following:

- Authorizes the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) to issue personal registration plates;
- Expands the list of vehicles permitted to apply for a personal registration plate to include motorcycles and trailer or motor homes;
- Increases the registered gross weight of a truck permitted to apply for a personal registration plate from 10,000 to 14,000 pounds;
- Authorizes the Department to issue organization registration plates for special groups or for special purposes and allows such plates to bear an appropriate designation;
- Authorizes special groups to charge a fee for authorization to request a registration plate bearing the name of the group;
- Authorizes the Department to issue personal organization registration plates;
- Orders the Department to collect an additional fee of \$100.00 for personal organization registration plates, except for plates issued under §1338 (relating to person with disability plate and placard) and §1342 (relating to veteran plates and placard), of which applicants shall only be required to pay an additional fee of \$50.00;
- Orders the Department, in consultation with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, to design a special Appalachian Trail organization registration plate;
- Authorizes the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to charge a fee for authorization to request an Appalachian Trail organization registration plate;
- Defines the intent of the General Assembly that proceeds received by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy are to be used exclusively for trail maintenance and improvement;

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- Makes changes to Act 89 of 2013 to clarify that the maximum posted speed limit on a limited access highway shall be 65 miles per hour unless posted at 70 miles per hour by the Department;
- Makes additional changes to Act 89 of 2013 to clarify that both oversized and overweight vehicles may travel under a permit from sunrise to sunset seven days a week; and
- Makes certain technical changes.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The costs associated with designing and manufacturing personal registration plates, organization registration plates and personal organization 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.

The additional revenue generated by the Department for the collection of the additional fees for personal organization registration plates is dependent on the number of applicants for such plates; therefore it cannot be quantified at this time.