



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1531

PRINTERS NO. 2388

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0
Veterans' Trust Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 75 (Vehicles) by providing for funds for the Veterans' Trust Fund and providing for special plates for veterans. This legislation would take effect in 30 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would establish funding mechanisms for the Veterans' Trust Fund (Fund), which will authorize grants to the PA Veterans Foundation and other veterans' and charitable organizations for the purposes of providing benefits to veterans and their families.

The following amounts are to be deposited into the Fund:

- Proceeds paid by PennDOT from sales of a special "Honor Our Veterans" license plate; and,
- Contributions from a voluntary \$3 check-off from driver license and vehicle registration renewals.

PennDOT will adopt a policy for the maintenance and use of the Fund within 60 days of the effective date and will publish the policy in the PA Bulletin.

This legislation would require a report to be submitted by July 31, 2013, and then annually, to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees detailing the Fund's revenues and expenditures.

This legislation would require that the amount collected on a monthly basis will be reported to the State Treasurer. The Veterans' Trust Fund shall reimburse the Motor License Fund for the actual costs incurred by PennDOT.

This legislation would also establish an "Honoring our veterans" specialty license plate. The plate would cost \$35, with \$15 of the fee paid into the Veterans' Trust Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. PennDOT indicates that their new duties under Sections 1320 would cost \$342,000 for system changes, vendor charges, and the creation of new forms. These costs would initially be borne by the Motor License Fund with reimbursement by the Veterans' Trust Fund. Revenue from donations, gifts, and specialty plate sales to the Veterans' Trust Fund is indeterminable at this point.

PennDOT indicates that the cost to design the specialty plate would be a one-time \$500 with an individual plate production cost of \$4. PennDOT would have to sell 32 specialty plates at \$20 to break even.

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