



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1294

PRINTERS NO. 2647

PRIME SPONSOR: Ward

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Motor License Fund	\$20,000	\$0
Philadelphia Parking Authority Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Vehicle Code to: allow motorcycles to be equipped with a special registration plate for Purple Heart recipients; provide for a new Legion of Merit plate; and enable transportation network company drivers to display illuminated signs inside their vehicles. The section relating to TNC drivers would take effect in 60 days with the remainder of the legislation taking effect in 120 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation allows motorcycles to be equipped with a special registration plate for Purple Heart recipients.

The legislation also creates §1368.1 (special plates for recipients of legion of merit) which allows for special registration plates for recipients of the Legion of Merit, costing \$20, in addition to any other fees.

This legislation creates a new §4307(c.1) (use and display of illuminated signs, TNC driver) which allows a transportation network company (TNC) driver to display an illuminated sign within the interior of their vehicle with the following requirements.

- The Public Utility Commission (PUC) or the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA) must approve illuminated signage;
- TNC shall file sign with PUC for review and approval;
- If PUC does not approve of sign, PPA may still approve within their jurisdiction, after TNC files with PPA.
- PUC and PPA shall have 15 business days to review TNC illuminated sign once filed.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to PennDOT, they estimate that it will cost \$20,000 for the necessary systems changes to allow PennDOT to issue special registration plates. That cost can be absorbed within currently available funds.

The remainder of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or Philadelphia Parking Authority funds.

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