

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 156

**PRINTER'S NO.** 3826

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Motor License Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 21, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Payne

**HISTORY OF BILL**

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In the Senate

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Re-reported as amended, June 25, 2012

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 156 amends the following sections of Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by increasing from 10,000 pounds to 14,000 pounds the maximum registered gross weight of vehicles eligible for special registration plates:

1. §1307 (a.I) – Seasonal Registration;
2. §1338 - Persons with disability plate;
3. §1341- Special registration plates generally;
4. §1342 (a) - Severely disabled veteran plate;
5. §1342 (c) - Disabled veteran plates;

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6. §1342 (d) - Prisoner of war plate;
7. §1346 - Special plates for recipients of Purple Heart;
8. §1348 - Special plates for Pearl harbor survivors;
9. §1350 - Special plates for veterans of Korean War;
10. §1350.1- Special plates for recipients of Korean Defense Service Medal;
11. §1351- Special plates for veterans of Persian Gulf War;
12. §1352 - Wild resource conservation plate;
13. §1353 - Preserve our heritage registration plate;
14. §1354 - Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate;
15. §1355 - Zoological plate;
16. §1356 - Special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces Medal;
17. §1357 - Special plates for World War II veterans;
18. § 1358 - DARE plate;
19. §1359 - Special plates for steelworkers;
20. §1360 - Special plates for veterans of Vietnam Conflict;
21. §1362 - Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans plate
22. §1363 - Operation Enduring Freedom veterans plate;
23. §1364 - Special plates for veterans; and
24. §1365 - Gold Star Family plate.

Secondly, this legislation adds a new section to Title 75 pertaining to the "movement of eggs." §4976.2 authorizes an annual permit for the movement of eggs to or from a processor by a combination of vehicles which exceeds the maximum vehicle gross weight allowable by law. Under this section, a vehicle's overall gross weight may not exceed 95,000 pounds and the weight on a non-steering axle may not exceed 21,000 pounds. A fee of \$400.00 for these annual permits is also established in the legislation. No permit would be issued for this type of movement on an interstate highway.

Finally, §4307 (a) is amended to permit the display of "power decals" on vehicles. Specifically, it would permit illuminated decals on vehicles that measure no greater than 5.5 inches in width and 4.5 inches in height and have an illumination of no greater than 100 candela.

This act shall take effect in 60 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.

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As provided for in Title 75, a fee must accompany each application submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) for most of the special registration plates. This one-time fee is in addition to the annual registration fee.

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.

Additionally, this legislation simply allows for an additional annual permit for overweight vehicles for the movement of eggs. Any additional costs to the Department would be minimal and offset by additional permit fees collected.

Therefore, it is determined that there would be no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds with the enactment of this legislation. Additionally, the Governor's Office of the Budget has indicated there would be no cost to the Commonwealth.