

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1060

**PRINTER'S NO.** 2014

**AMOUNT**

Minimal Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Motor License Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 25, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Keller

**HISTORY OF BILL**

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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1060 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for a special vertically displayed registration plate for motorcycles.

Specifically, this legislation adds a subchapter to §1332 (related to display of registration plate) to provide for the following:

- Permits a registration plate issued for a motorcycle to be mounted on the motorcycle in a vertical manner if:
  - I. The identifying characters on the plate are displayed in a vertical alignment; and
  - II. The mounting complies with all other provisions within §1332.

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- Prohibits a registration plate that has identifying characters displayed horizontally to be mounted vertically; and
- Requires the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) to produce a registration plate for motorcycles which displays the identifying characters on the plate in a vertical alignment, and to issue such plate upon request and upon payment of a fee of \$20, which shall be in addition to the current annual registration fee \$18.

This act shall take effect in 90 days.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to the Department, costs associated with designing and manufacturing the new vertical registration plate are estimated as follows:

- One-time cost of \$500 for the original design and mold;
- One-time cost of \$37,500 for system changes and testing; and
- On-going cost of \$3 per vertical registration plate manufactured.

The one-time startup costs are minimal and capable of being absorbed within the Department's annual state appropriations. Taking these one-time costs into consideration, along with the \$3 production cost for each registration plate, the Department would have to receive 2,236 applications, along with the required \$20 fee, in order to break even.

It is assumed that the number of applications submitted to the Department for these vertical registration plates, along with the fees collected with such applications, would cover the costs associated with designing and manufacturing such plates.

Any additional applications and \$20 fees received after the initial 2,236 would be considered additional revenue to the Motor License Fund. The additional revenue generated by the Department is dependent on the number of applicants for such plates; therefore it cannot be quantified at this time.