

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 284

PRINTER NO. 783

AMOUNT

\$3,375 Annually (est.)

FUND

Motor License Fund
Veterans Trust Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 16, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Baker

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 284 amends §1361 of Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes further providing for special motorcycle plates for veterans.

Specifically, §1361 is amended to include two subsections, as follows:

- Subsection (a) "Honorably discharged veterans" refers to the current language within §1361 providing for special motorcycle registration plates for honorably discharged veterans.
- Subsection (b) establishes the "Honoring our veterans" special motorcycle registration plate. The legislation provides that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) shall issue a special motorcycle registration plate, designating the motorcycle as belonging to a person who is honoring veterans of the armed forces of the United States. Applicants shall pay a fee of \$35, in addition to the annual registration fee and provide such documentation as the Department requires. This special registration plate may be used only on a motorcycle. The Veterans' Trust Fund shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by the applicant for the registration plate.

This act shall take effect in 90 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;
- One-time cost of approximately \$20,000 for computer system updates; and
- Approximately \$4.00 for materials and labor for each special registration plate manufactured.

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It is assumed that the number of applications submitted to the Department for these special motorcycle registration plates, along with the fees collected with such applications, would cover the costs associated with designing and manufacturing such plates. Additionally, according to the Governor's Office of the Budget, the Department will be able to absorb any costs related to the enactment of this legislation.

The Veterans' Trust Fund is administered by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the purpose of the fund is to provide grants for programs or projects supporting Pennsylvania veterans and their families. The additional revenue generated for the Veterans' Trust Fund is dependent on the number of applicants for such plates. According to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, an estimated annual average number of special motorcycle registration plates to be ordered is 225.

Therefore, the Veterans' Trust Fund may experience an increase in annual revenues by an estimated \$3,375.