

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 110 (Senate Finance Committee Substitute)

SHORT TITLE: Various New Special License Plates

SPONSOR(S):

	FISCAL IMPACT				
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>
HIGHWAY FUND					
SPECIAL REGISTRATION					
PLATE ACCOUNT					
REVENUES	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000
EXPENDITURES	\$14,000				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	Section 7 (diplomatic immunity) becomes effective January 1, 2002. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law. Sections 1b, 3b, 4b and 6b (Harley Owners Group and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation) expire on June 30, 2006.				

BILL SUMMARY: The bill authorizes special registration plates for the following groups: Audubon North Carolina, First in Forestry, Military Veteran, Military Wartime Veteran, U.S. Navy Specialty, Special Forces Association, V Foundation, Harley Owners' Group, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. The bill also sets forth procedures for law enforcement officers when arresting a person claiming diplomatic immunity.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: In addition to the normal \$20 vehicle registration fee for private passenger vehicles, each special plate applicant must pay \$10 that is deposited into the Special Registration Plate Account. Since the number of applications for these plates is unknown, this fiscal analysis assumes only the minimum 300 applicants needed to qualify for a plate. At \$10 a plate, this will generate \$3,000 a year for the Special Registration Plate Account for each of the 14 new plates in the bill. There is no increase in

the Highway Fund since the special plate applicants pay the same \$20 vehicle registration fee that they were paying for a regular license plate.

According to the Division of Motor Vehicles, there is a one-time cost of \$100 to design a new plate. There is also a production cost of approximately \$3.00 per plate based on one color design. The cost per plate will increase if more colors are added or the design is complex. The total production cost for 300 plates is \$1,000.

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