

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 237 (1st Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Nurses' Special Registration Plate

SPONSOR(S): Representative Nelson Cole

| FISCAL IMPACT | | | | | |
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| | Yes (X) | No () | No Estimate Available () | | |
| | <u>FY 2003-04</u> | <u>FY 2004-05</u> | <u>FY 2005-06</u> | <u>FY 2006-07</u> | <u>FY 2007-08</u> |
| REVENUES | | | | | |
| General Fund | | * No General Fund Impact * | | | |
| Highway Fund | | * No Highway Fund Impact * | | | |
| Special Plate Fund | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |
| Collegiate & Cultural Fund | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| Special Plate Fund | \$1,000 | | | | |
| PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: NC Department of Transportation. | | | | | |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law. | | | | | |

BILL SUMMARY: The bill authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special registration plate for nurses. Those requesting the plate will be charged an additional \$25, with part of the proceeds going to the special plate account, and the balance going to the NC Foundation for Nursing to provide nursing scholarships.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The bill does not affect the General Fund. In addition, there is no revenue impact on 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 approximately \$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 color is added or the design is complex. 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. Thus, the total production cost for 300 plates is \$1,000.

The bill requires an additional payment of \$25, with the proceeds flowing to both the special registration plate account (\$10) and the collegiate and cultural attraction plate account (\$15). The proceeds going into the collegiate and cultural attractions plate account derived from the nurses plate will be transferred to the NC Foundation for Nursing for nursing scholarships.

SOURCES OF DATA: NC Department of Transportation.

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