

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: H.B. 1518

SHORT TITLE: Eagle Scout Special Plates

SPONSOR(S): Representative Eddins

| FISCAL IMPACT | | | | | |
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| | Yes (X) | No () | No Estimate Available () | | |
| | <u>FY 1998-99</u> | <u>FY 1999-00</u> | <u>FY 2000-01</u> | <u>FY 2001-02</u> | <u>FY 2002-03</u> |
| REVENUES | \$3000 | \$3000 | \$3000 | \$3000 | \$3000 |
| EXPENDITURES | \$856 | | | | |
| PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Transportation - Division of Motor Vehicles. | | | | | |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when it becomes law. | | | | | |

BILL SUMMARY: The first part of the bill authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue a special registration plate to individuals certified as Eagle Scouts, if at least 300 applications for such a plate are received. The Boy Scouts of America, or an Eagle Scout's parents or guardians, must certify the Eagle Scout standing. The second part of the bill authorizes the division to issue smaller registration plates for motorcycles and motorcycle trailers.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The ten Boy Scout Councils in North Carolina report that, combined, they award approximately 1,100 Eagle Scouts rankings per year. Because there is no way to determine how many of the North Carolina Eagle Scouts will request the special plate, this fiscal note assumes the issuance of the minimum 300 license plates in FY 1998-99. The note also assumes that those plates will be renewed in the following years.

According to the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Corrections, there is a one time cost of \$100 to design the new plate. There is also a production cost of \$2.52 per plate (This assumes a basic one color design. If the design is more complex, or requires more color,

the per plate cost increases). The total production cost for 300 basic plates is \$856.00. Special Registration Plate Account funds will be used to cover this expense. In addition to the normal \$20.00 registration fee every owner of a private passenger vehicle pays, there is a \$10.00 fee for each specialized Eagle Scout plate. Funds from the \$10.00 special plate fee are deposited in the Special Registration Plate Account.

The Division of Motor Vehicles does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact to making smaller plates available for motorcycles and motorcycle trailers.

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