

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**Session 2017**

**Legislative Fiscal Note  
REVISED**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 66 (First Edition)  
**SHORT TITLE:** Veterans Plates/Vehicle Weight Restriction.  
**SPONSOR(S):** Representatives Speciale, G. Martin, and Henson

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
(\$ in millions)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
<b>State Impact</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>	<b>FY 2020-21</b>
Highway Fund Revenues:					
Highway Fund Expenditures:	(\$0.1)	(\$0.1)	(\$0.1)	(\$0.1)	(\$0.1)
State Positions:					
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>(\$0.1)</b>	<b>(\$0.1)</b>	<b>(\$0.1)</b>	<b>(\$0.1)</b>	<b>(\$0.1)</b>

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:**  
 Division of Motor Vehicles

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2017

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**  
 Yes - See Technical Considerations Section

**REVISION NOTE:** Data on the total number of registered vehicles >6,000 lbs-17,000 lbs eligible under this bill was not available at the time the initial fiscal note was requested. The Division of Motor Vehicles has since provided this data and the revised fiscal impact is \$64,457. The previously provided fiscal impact was \$543,806.

**BILL SUMMARY:**

Section 1 amends G.S. 20-79.7(a) to annually provide and issue free of charge a single special registration plate listed in this subsection to a person qualified to receive the plate in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2) for a vehicle weighing up to 17,000lbs.

The special registration plates included in this subsection are:

- (1) Legion of Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Legion of Valor award
- (2) A 100% Disabled Veteran registration plate to a 100% disabled veteran
- (3) An Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to an ex-prisoner of war
- (4) A Bronze Star Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for valor in combat award
- (5) A Silver Star registration plate to a recipient of the Silver Star award

Section 2 states that this bill becomes effective July 1, 2017 and applies to special registration plates issued on or after that date.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

A query of the Division of Motor Vehicles State Titling and Registration System (STARS) yielded a total of 588 eligible registered vehicles >6,000 lbs-17,000 lbs as of December 31, 2016. See Figure 1 below.

**Figure 1**

Number of Registered Vehicles >6,000 lbs - 17,000 lbs 12/31/16		
BZV	Bronze Star Valor	53
DIS	Disabled Veteran	528
LOV	Legion of Valor	0
POW	Prisoner of War	0
SVS	Silver Star	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>588</b>

Registration fees for vehicles >6,000 lbs-17,000 lbs range from \$77.50-\$304.90. See Figure 2 below for detailed information on registration fees by weight.

**Figure 2**

Vehicle Registration Fees	
Trucks with 7000 lbs	\$ 77.50
Trucks with 8000 lbs	\$ 88.00
Trucks with 9000 lbs	\$ 98.50
Trucks with 10000 lbs	\$ 134.00
Trucks with 11000 lbs	\$ 147.00
Trucks with 12000 lbs	\$ 160.00
Trucks with 13000 lbs	\$ 173.00
Trucks with 14000 lbs	\$ 251.80
Trucks with 15000 lbs	\$ 269.50
Trucks with 16000 lbs	\$ 287.20
Trucks with 17000 lbs	\$ 304.90

Based on the number of eligible registered vehicles on December 31, 2016, the total revenue loss is estimated to be \$64,457 annually. Figure 3 below provides detailed information on the total number of registered vehicles by weight and associated revenue losses.

**Figure 3**

Vehicle Weight	Fees	Plate Type					Total # Plates	Total Cost
		BZV	DIS	LOV	POW	SVS		
Trucks with 7000 lbs	\$ 77.50	19	226	0	0	3	248	\$ 19,220
Trucks with 8000 lbs	\$ 88.00	12	117	0	0	2	131	\$ 11,528
Trucks with 9000 lbs	\$ 98.50	3	28	0	0	0	31	\$ 3,054
Trucks with 10000 lbs	\$134.00	11	74	0	0	1	86	\$ 11,524
Trucks with 11000 lbs	\$147.00	1	8	0	0	0	9	\$ 1,323
Trucks with 12000 lbs	\$160.00	2	26	0	0	1	29	\$ 4,640
Trucks with 13000 lbs	\$173.00	2	14	0	0	0	16	\$ 2,768
Trucks with 14000 lbs	\$251.80	0	11	0	0	0	11	\$ 2,770
Trucks with 15000 lbs	\$269.50	2	11	0	0	0	13	\$ 3,504
Trucks with 16000 lbs	\$287.20	1	7	0	0	0	8	\$ 2,298
Trucks with 17000 lbs	\$304.90	0	6	0	0	0	6	\$ 1,829
<b>Total</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>\$64,457</b>

Given that the bill as currently written only provides a single special registration plate free of charge, it is possible that a qualified person may have more than one registered vehicle and the actual revenue loss could be less. It is also possible that the fiscal impact could be nominally higher if the number of qualified persons eligible to receive free registration plates under the bill is more than what was reflected in registrations as of December 31, 2016.

Any impact to DMV operations is assumed to be nominal.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Division of Motor Vehicles

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The bill as currently written is unclear on whether or not special registration plates for Bronze Star (BZS) or Silver Star Disabled Veteran (SSD) are included. Due to the updates required to the State Titling and Registration System (STARS), DMV estimates it will not be able to implement the changes presented in this bill until February 1, 2018.

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