

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: H.B. 1518 PCS

SHORT TITLE: Eagle Scout Special Plates

SPONSOR(S): Representative Eddins

FISCAL IMPACT					
	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	\$6000	\$6000	\$6000	\$6000	\$6000
EXPENDITURES	\$1712				
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: Sections 1 and 2 authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue a special registration plate to individuals certified as Eagle Scouts or Gold Scouts, if at least 300 applications for such a plate are received. The Boy Scouts of America must certify the Eagle Scout standing. The Girl Scouts of America must certify the Gold Scout standing. Parents or guardians of certified scouts are also authorized to purchase the plates. 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. The Girl Scouts of America report that they award 2,500 Gold Scout awards per year, nationwide. They estimate that approximately 75 Gold Scouts are awarded annually through there seven councils in North Carolina, although there is no specific listing by state. Because there is no way to determine how many of the North Carolina Eagle Scouts and Gold Scouts will request the special plate, this fiscal note assumes the issuance of the minimum 300 license plates for each set

of scouts (Gold and Eagle Scouts) 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. As such, the total production cost associated with the bill is \$1712.00 (\$856.00 x 2 plates). 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. Assuming that 300 Eagle Scout plates and 300 Gold Scout plates were ordered, the total revenue to the Special Registration Plate Account will be \$6000.

The Division of Motor Vehicles does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact to making smaller plates available for motorcycles and motorcycle trailers. The Division also indicates that there may be some production problems associated with personalizing the smaller plates.

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