



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2025 Session

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: The Joe John Remembrance Act.
Bill Number: House Bill 141 (First Edition)
Sponsor(s): Rep. Clampitt, Rep. White, Rep. Wheatley, and Rep. Reives

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.141, V.1					
	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30
State Impact					
Transportation					
Special Fund Revenues	(23,483.0)	(22,355.0)	(21,228.0)	(20,100.0)	(18,973.0)
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Special Fund Impact	(23,483.0)	(22,355.0)	(21,228.0)	(20,100.0)	(18,973.0)
NET STATE IMPACT	(\$23,483.0)	(\$22,355.0)	(\$21,228.0)	(\$20,100.0)	(\$18,973.0)

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

The bill eliminates the additional special registration plate fee charged for Fire Department and Rescue Squad plates. **The loss of revenue for the Special Registration Plate Account (SPRA), a special fund within the Department of Transportation (NCDOT), would be de minimis.**

Section 1 amends G.S. 20-79.7(a1) to add Fire Department and Rescue Squad plates to the list of specialty license plates exempted from an additional license plate fee. Individuals currently pay an additional \$10 annual fee for Fireman and Rescue Squad special plates, on top of paying their annual vehicle registration fees. Funds from the additional fee are deposited in the SPRA special fund within NCDOT, which supports highways visitor centers and beautification programs.

Section 2 makes the effective date of this change July 1, 2025, for new registrations and renewals.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Special registration plates are subject to regular motor vehicle registration fees, plus an additional fee as dictated in G.S. 20-79.7(a1). The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can issue special registration plates to fire department and rescue squad members. Currently, individuals applying for "Fireman," "Rescue Squad," and "Fireman-Rescue Squad" license plates pay an additional \$10 special plate fee for initial registration and a \$10 annual fee to renew the special plate.



Section 1 eliminates the additional \$10 fee for the three Fire Department and Rescue Squad special license plates.

As of February 16, 2025, there is a total of 2,407 plates that would be impacted by this section, generating approximately \$25,000 annually. Registrations for these plates have declined over the past four years, with an average annual decrease of \$1,128 per year. Table 1 shows the revenue collected from Fire Department and Rescue Squad special plates, and year-over-year changes in revenue collection from the previous five fiscal years.

Table 1: Revenue from Fire Department and Rescue Squad Special Plates

Plate Type	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Fireman	\$17,840	\$17,660	\$16,050	\$15,615	\$14,510
Rescue Squad	\$2,790	\$2,950	\$2,600	\$2,919	\$2,720
Fireman-Rescue	\$8,490	\$8,410	\$7,910	\$7,610	\$7,380
Total	\$29,120	\$29,020	\$26,560	\$26,144	\$24,610
Annual Change		\$(100)	\$(2,460)	\$(416)	\$(1,534)

Source: North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles

The Fiscal Research Division (FRD) assumes that the revenue collected from Fire Department and Rescue special plates will continue to decline at an average rate of \$1,128 per year. FRD estimates that in FY 2024-25, revenue to the SPRA special fund will be reduced by \$23,480.

Funds collected from the issuance of Fire Department and Rescue Squad special plate fees are deposited into the SPRA special fund, which supports 13 highway visitor centers, highway beautification efforts, and roadside vegetation management programs at NCDOT.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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