

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2005

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 48 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Stolen Registration Plates Replaced - No Fee.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Miller

FISCAL IMPACT

	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>
REVENUES					
Highway Fund	(\$275,989)	(\$281,508)	(\$287,139)	(\$292,881)	(\$298,739)
EXPENDITURES					
Highway Fund (computer system changes)	\$52,800				
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Highway Fund, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	When the bill becomes law.				

BILL SUMMARY: Provides that stolen registration plates will be replaced by the Division of Motor Vehicles without payment of a fee.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Revenues

The current fee to replace a lost or stolen plate is \$10. In calendar year 2004, DMV recorded 27,191 transactions where replacement plates were issued for those that were lost or stolen (there is no current distinction between those two categories). At a fee of \$10 per replacement, the revenues were \$271,910. It is assumed that the number of transactions and the revenue loss will be 1.5% higher in FY 2005-06 and then grow by 2% per year due to the growth in the number of vehicles. It is also assumed that all of the lost or stolen plates will be considered stolen.

Expenditures

The costs to DMV are for reprogramming the State Titling and Registration System (STARS). The International Registration Program (IRP) system will also have to be modified. DMV considers the level of effort to be medium, requiring 600 hours at a cost of \$80 per hour (\$48,000) plus Information Technology Services (ITS) charges of \$4,800 for a total of \$52,800.

SOURCES OF DATA: Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: The bill specifies that the act becomes effective when the bill becomes law. DMV suggests that six months would be necessary for the programming changes to be made and tested and that the bill become effective January 1, 2006.

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