

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1745 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** WWII Korean Conflict Plate Limit Removed

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Allred

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004-05</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005-06</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2006-07</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
General Fund					*No Impact*
Highway Fund					
Special Registration Plate Account					*See Assumptions and Methodology*
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Highway Fund					
Special Registration Plate Account					*See Assumptions and Methodology*
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>	NC Division of Motor Vehicles				
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	When it becomes law.				

**BILL SUMMARY:** Under G.S. 20-79.4(b)(27b), the DMV is authorized to issue a special license plate to WWII and Korean War veterans if at least 300 qualifying individuals request the plate and pay the \$10 fee. This legislation removes the 300-person minimum and allows the DMV to issue the plate without receiving 300 applications.

Section 2 of the bill modifies the logo on the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation special registration plate. The logo removes the requirement that the plate bear a replica of the "Walking Bull" logo, and states that the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc. must approve the logo.

Section 4 of the bill authorizes the DMV to issue two additional special registration plates: Aviation Maintenance Technician and Sweet Potato. The 300-application minimum for each plate applies.

## **ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

### **WWII and Korean Veteran Plate**

In addition to the normal \$20 vehicle registration fee for private passenger vehicles, each applicant for a WWII or Korean War plate pays \$10 that is deposited into the Special Registration Plate Account.

At present, fewer than 300 applications have been collected for these special license plates. While the DMV has been informed that at least some applications exist, it does not believe the requested 300 applications have been provided to the organization collecting this information. According to the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs, there are approximately 110,000 WWII veterans living in the state, at an average age of 81. The Division also suggests that there are approximately 105,000 Korean War Veterans in North Carolina, at an average age of 74. While the Division has no hard data on the status of these veterans, it believes a small percentage of the WWII veterans still maintain a driver's license and vehicle. It believes as many as one-half of the Korean veterans would likely hold a driver's license and maintain a vehicle.

According to the Division of Motor Vehicles, there is a one-time cost of approximately \$100 to design a new plate. There is also a production cost of approximately \$3.00 per plate based on one color design. The cost per plate will increase if more color is added or the design is complex.

Because there is no way of knowing how many veterans will apply for the plate, no accurate fiscal estimate is possible on either the revenue or expenditure side of this legislation. However, both the cost and the income are expected to be minimal.

### **Elk Plate**

Section 2 of the bill modifies the logo on the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation special plate. There is no fiscal impact due to this change.

### **Aviation Maintenance Technician and Sweet Potato Plates**

Section 4 of the bill authorizes the DMV to issue two special registration plates: the Aviation Maintenance Technician and Sweet Potato special plates. In addition to the normal \$20 vehicle registration fee for private passenger vehicles, each applicant for one of these plates pays \$10 that is deposited into the Special Registration Plate Account.

According to the Division of Motor Vehicles, there is a one-time cost of approximately \$100 to design a new plate. There is also a production cost of approximately \$3.00 per plate based on one color design. The cost per plate will increase if more color is added or the design is complex.

The Fiscal Research Division cannot estimate the number of citizens who will request either of these plates, thus no accurate fiscal estimate is possible on the bill.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** NC Division of Motor Vehicles; NC Division of Veteran's Affairs

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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