

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0078

**Title:** Clarify law on special & personalized  
military license plates for disabled vets

**Primary  
Sponsor:** Edith Clark

**Status:** As Introduced

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| Sponsor signature | Date | Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director | Date |
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## Fiscal Summary

|  | <b><u>FY2002<br/>Difference</u></b> | <b><u>FY2003<br/>Difference</u></b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                       |                                     |                                     |
| General Fund                               | \$3,300                             | 0                                   |
| <b>Revenue:</b>                            | 0                                   | 0                                   |
| <b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b> | <b>(\$3,300)</b>                    | <b>0</b>                            |

| <b><u>Yes</u></b> | <b><u>No</u></b> |                                  | <b><u>Yes</u></b> | <b><u>No</u></b> |                               |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
|                   | X                | Significant Local Gov. Impact    |                   | X                | Technical Concerns            |
|                   | X                | Included in the Executive Budget |                   | X                | Significant Long-Term Impacts |
|                   | X                | Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  |                   | X                | Family Impact Form Attached   |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The number of individuals taking advantage of the provisions provided by this bill is unknown.
2. As of April 2000 there were 828 individuals registered with the Montana Veterans Affairs Division as 100% service connected disabled veterans residing in Montana.
3. There were 883 disabled veteran (DV) plates issued to vehicles during the first three quarters of calendar 2000; a total of 1,000 in calendar 1998; and a total of 912 in calendar 1997.

4. In FY 2002 there is an estimated \$3,300 programming cost to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to redesign the motor vehicle system to 1) add a new type of exemption for disabled veterans and 2) add the disabled veterans personalized license plates. It will be necessary to contract for programming with an outside vendor since DOJ programming staff are committed to completing the current backlog of more than 15,000 hours of programming to comply with existing mandates. Computer costs for programming will be absorbed in the budget in FY 2002.
5. There may be some decrease in revenues currently distributed for maintenance of the veterans' cemeteries as provided in 61-3-332, MCA.
6. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections as the current license plate factory has minimal production of military license plates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

|  | <u>FY2002<br/>Difference</u> | <u>FY2003<br/>Difference</u> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Expenditures:</u>   |                              |                              |
| Operating Expenses   | \$3,300                      | 0                            |
| <u>Funding:</u>  |                              |                              |
| General Fund (01)  | \$3,300                      | 0                            |
| <u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u> |                              |                              |
| General Fund (01)  | (\$3,300)                    | 0                            |