

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0461

**Title:** Active duty military purchase of veteran's license plates

**Primary Sponsor:** Jim Shockley

**Status:** As Introduced

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Sponsor signature Date

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Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2002</u></b>	<b><u>FY2003</u></b>
<b>Department of Justice Expenditures:</b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
General Fund	\$3,825	0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>(\$3,825)</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:

#### **Department of Justice**

1. In CY 2000 there were 12,786 vehicles registered in Montana to veterans or the surviving spouses of veterans.
2. Information regarding the number of Montana residents who are active members of the armed forces and who would purchase veterans' license plates is unavailable to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Motor Vehicle Division. The additional revenues that will be generated if HB 461 passes are unknown. Each additional set of license plates would generate \$10 in revenues that would be distributed as follows:

<b>Account:</b>	<b>Original Application</b>	<b>Renewal Application</b>
County General Fund	\$3.00	\$0
State General Fund	\$1.00	\$0
St Special – Vets Cemetery	\$6.00	\$10.00

3. One-time operating costs in FY 2002 to update the motor vehicle system to incorporate the changes required by HB 461 are estimated at \$3,000 (40 hours x \$75/hour) for FY 2002. A combination of DOJ programming staff and private vendors will be necessary to address the current backlog of more than 15,000 hours of programming to comply with existing mandates and the considerable system maintenance that is required. Computer costs to complete the programming are estimated at \$825 (5 days @ \$165/day). Total costs in FY 2002 for programming are estimated at \$3,825 (\$3,000 + \$825).

#### **Department of Corrections**

4. House Bill 461 is an act allowing an active member of the military to purchase veteran's license plates, amending 61-3-332, MCA.
5. Montana Correctional Enterprises license plate factory is currently producing military plates out of the current operating budget.
6. The number of military license plates produced for active members of the military is anticipated to be minimal.

#### **Department of Military Affairs**

7. A portion of each of the veterans' license plates fee will be given to the Department of Military Affairs for maintenance of the veterans cemeteries.
8. HB 461 will increase the amount of funding for the veterans cemeteries.
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#### FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
<b>Department of Justice</b>		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$3,825	0
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$3,825	0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$3,825)	0