

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB 620

**Title:** Exempt purple heart veterans from vehicle registration fees

**Primary Sponsor:** Ronald Devlin

**Status:** As Introduced

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

	<b><u>FY2002 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2003 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	765	0
<b>Revenue:</b>		
State Special Revenue	(3,730)	(5,048)
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>(\$765)</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. Approximately 6 percent of the motor vehicles registered each year are newly manufactured vehicles (MSO titles), 80 percent of the motor vehicles registered are over 2850 lbs. paying a \$10 registration fee and 20 percent are under paying a registration fee of \$5. Additionally slightly more than 25 percent of the motor vehicles registered each year are light pickup trucks (1 ton or less) and pay a GVW fee of \$2.25.

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2. In calendar 2000 there were 697 motor vehicles registered under the purple heart provisions of the law. Assuming an annual 1.5 percent growth, it is estimated there would be 708 in calendar 2001, 718 in 2002, and 729 in 2003.
3. It is assumed 50 percent of the individuals owning motor vehicles registered under the purple heart provisions meet the service connected disability requirements as presented in this bill. Therefore, this would affect 359 vehicle registrations in calendar 2002 and 364 in calendar 2003.
4. Motor vehicle registered under the provisions of this bill will pay a \$5 registration fee (distributed to the county general fund) and a \$1 system fee (distributed to the State general fund) for a total of \$6/year. It is unknown how many would option for the 2 year registration option.
5. It is unknown how many spouses would retain the purple heart plate registrations. Therefore, based upon the human and economic values available to the individual, it is assumed that all spouses would retain these special plate registrations.
6. Projected loss revenues for October 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 (FY 2002) and FY 2003 are:

<u>Registration Fees in Lieu of Tax:</u>	Distribution	FY 2002			FY 2003		
		State GF	State SR	County	State GF	State SR	County
VEHICLE YEAR -- NEW MSO	State Highway Special Revenue Fund		\$ (846)			\$ (1,145)	
VEHICLE YEAR - 1997 thru 2001	90% County; 10% State District Court Special	\$ (1,322)		\$(11,897)	\$ (1,789)		\$(16,101)
VEHICLE YEAR - 1987 thru 1996	90% County; 10% State District Court Special	\$ (844)		\$(7,593)	\$ (1,142)		\$(10,276)
VEHICLE YEAR - 1986 & older	90% County; 10% State District Court Special	\$ (40)		\$(364)	\$ (55)		\$(492)
<u>Other Registration Fees:</u>							
LICENSE FEE (OVER)	County; 50% to City if Residing in City			\$ (2,154)			\$ (2,916)
LICENSE FEE (UNDER)	County; 50% to City if Residing in City			\$ (269)			\$ (364)
Weed Fee	State Special Revenue Less 3%; County 3%	\$ (392)		\$(12)	\$ (530)		\$(16)
Junk Vehicle Fee	State Special Revenue	\$ (135)			\$ (182)		
GVW FEES (\$2.25/light truck)	State Special Revenue	\$ (151)			\$ (205)		
Estimate of county option tax decrease	County General Fund			\$(13,592)			\$(18,395)
Estimate of county GF Increase (\$5 Registration Fee)	County General Fund			\$ 1,346			\$ 1,822
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED DECREASED REVENUES</b>		\$ 0	\$ (3,730)	\$(34,535)	\$ 0	\$ (5,048)	\$(46,738)

7. Additional one-time operating costs in FY 2002 to the Department of Justice to allow the system to apply the disabled veteran exemption for the purple heart registrations and install edits to calculate the fees and allow the purple heart personalized plates are estimated at \$600 (8 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 \$165 (1 days @ \$165/day). Total costs in FY 2002 for programming are estimated at \$765 (\$600 + \$165).

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$765	0
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$765	0
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$3,730)	(\$5,048)
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$765)	0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$3,730)	(\$5,048)

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

1. County revenues are projected to decrease by \$34,535 in FY 2002 and \$46,738 in FY 2003.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. As this bill is currently written it appears it will take effect October 1, 2001. However, under the provisions of 1-2-201, MCA, statutes providing for a fee on motor vehicles is to take effect on the first day of January following its passage and approval.