

Proposed 2007 Session Legislation

Agency Name: Agency No:

Priority Number: Filename:

Short Title:

Agency Contact Person/Phone:

1. Purpose:
 Amend 61-3-458 (Special plates for military personnel, veterans, and spouses), MCA, to provide that a MT National Guard (MTNG) member who is a state resident may register one vehicle, that he or she owns and operates, without paying particular fees (ex. certain light vehicle registration fees and fees in lieu of property tax). A vehicle registered under this section shall display the special National Guard "NG" license plate. This would provide MTNG with a benefit similar to one given to active duty military who reside out of state.

2. Background:
 61-3-458, MCA, now provides that MTNG may be issued a special license plate with a "NG" design. There is no additional charge for the plate, but MTNG must still pay all registration fees and taxes. The amendment would give a waiver of registration fees to MTNG, but would still require payment of county option taxes. The waiver of registration and license plate fees would be an incentive for state military service.

3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type: *This impact should be as specific as possible.*
 This initiative could cause a reduction of general fund revenue of approximately \$400,000.00 per year. This estimate is based upon a \$100.00 average per vehicle registration multiplied by 4,000 (100% strength) members.

4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--

Housekeeping Only
 Federal Requirement
 Audit Recommendation (Audit No.)
 Major Legislation
 Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation
 Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal (if available)
 Supports Submitted EPP Item Number:
 Local Government Fiscal Impact
 Increases FTE, or
 Decreases FTE by

List FTE amount and program

Increases Existing Revenue
 Tax
 Fee
 Penalty [amount in #3]
 Decreases Existing Revenue
 Tax
 Fee
 Penalty [amount in #3]
 Establishes New Revenue
 Tax
 Fee
 Penalty [amount in #3]

Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions (list priority no, LC no, or bill no):

Legislation would affect other state agencies (list):
 Dept of Justice & Dept. of Revenue

Special Interest Groups Affected (list):

Other: