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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maestas Barnes **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/20/16
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 113
SHORT TITLE Mobility Limitation License Plates **SB** _____
ANALYST Mulligan

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	No Appropriation		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

- Relates to Sec. 4 appropriation to the Taxation and Revenue Department

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HB 113 would require the Taxation and Revenue Department’s (TRD’s) Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) to “establish a design element that denotes significant mobility limitation and shall issue that design element on another special registration plate” for qualified persons who request the other special registration plate for persons with significant mobility limitations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill would require MVD to design, produce, and issue a new license plate, with a new logo, other than the existing wheelchair-style logo, denoting limited mobility. The number of plates that would be required is unclear, but given the large number of specialty license plates that currently exist and are issued regularly by MVD, the expected increased administrative and financial resources required by the bill would not necessarily appear to be overly burdensome.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

MVD would be required to design and manufacture a new license plate with a new logo denoting limited mobility.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

As noted, the bill would require MVD to design, produce, and issue a new license plate, but the expected increased administrative resources required by the bill would not necessarily appear to be overly burdensome given the wide range of specialty plates currently issued by MVD. Currently, it appears that MVD issues 47 different motor vehicle license plate designs.

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