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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Brandt/ Griggs

SHORT TITLE Disabled Veterans License Plate Options **SB** 297/aSf1#1

ANALYST Romero

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue				3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19	FY20				
(\$242.8)	(\$242.8)	(\$242.8)	(\$728.4)	Recurring	State Road Fund	
(\$82.5)	(\$82.5)	(\$82.5)	(\$247.5)	Recurring	Counties and Municipalities	
(\$108.4)	(\$108.4)	(\$108.4)	(\$325.2)	Recurring	TRD – MVD Operating	
(\$62.0)	(\$62.0)	(\$62.0)	(\$186.0)	Recurring	Armed Forces Veterans License Fund	
(\$15.5)	(\$15.5)	(\$15.5)	(\$46.5)	Recurring	Other Funds	
Total	(\$511.2)	(\$511.2)	(\$511.2)	(\$1,533.6)	Recurring	Total Revenue Decrease

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Veterans Services Department (VSD)

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Floor Amendment

The Senate Floor amendment to SB 297 strikes the specific list of other special registration plates and instead inserts a reference to the plates provided by “any other Section of the Motor Vehicle Code”. The amendment also strikes language referring to the plates listed in that Section, as that is the list removed by the first part of the amendment.

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 297 amends Section 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 to allow veterans that were 50 percent or more disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United States to apply for up to two special registrations plates. The issuance of these license plates can be in any combination of the person's choice of the special registration plates cited in this section free of charge, notwithstanding any fee that would otherwise be charged for a special registration plate.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Methodology for Estimated Revenue Impact: Moderate impact to the Motor Vehicle Division. There are currently 15,492 veterans who have 50% Disabled Veteran special plates and have more than one registered vehicle. By far the most popular of all of the available plates is the Veteran plate, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard plates.

Assumptions:

- Half of those veterans (7,746) would take advantage of this bill to get one of the additional special plates offered with free vehicle registration.
- All of those get a Veteran plate, with the \$15 special plate fee and the (average) \$51 registration fee (including base and additional fees). $\$15 + \$51 = \$66$.
- That 7,746 multiplied times an average total fee of \$66 = a total revenue loss of \$511,236 per fiscal year.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill adds the ability for the following vehicle owners to increase the number of plates they can have from one (1) to two (2): purple heart veterans, Pearl Harbor survivors, armed forces veterans, retired members of the New Mexico national guard, members of the civil air patrol, New Mexico wing, armed forces retirees, active duty uniform service members, women armed forces veterans, motorcycle plates for women armed forces veterans.

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