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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/25/09
 LAST UPDATED 03/10/09 HB 645/aHTPWC

SPONSOR Tripp

SHORT TITLE Bass Fishing License Plates SB _____

ANALYST Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$1.0 *	Recurring	MVD Operating Fund

(*Estimated Appropriation Amount)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10	FY11		
	\$1.0	\$2.0	Recurring	MVD Operating Fund
	\$1.5	\$3.0	Recurring	Game Protection Fund

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal			Nonrecurring	General Fund

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HTPWC Amendment

House Transportation and Public Works Committee (HTPWC) amendment to House Bill 645 adds a bill effective date of July 1, 2010.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 645 proposes to add a new section to the Motor Vehicle Code authorizing the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) to issue a special registration plate with appropriate logo featuring bass fishing for any private motor vehicle except a motorcycle.

The director of the Department of Game and Fish (DGF) will designate a bass fishing logo design committee, which will include a Bass Fishing Federation representative, to design the logo for the plate.

A one-time fee of \$25 in addition to the regular registration fee will be charged for issuance of the special plate, and a \$10 fee in addition to the regular registration fee will be charged for each subsequent year. Of the initial fee, \$10 will be retained by MVD to defray the cost of issuing the plate and \$15 of the initial fee and the entire renewal fee shall be distributed to the Bass Habitat Management Program of the Game Protection Fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Continuing Appropriations language

This bill creates provides for continuing appropriations. The LFC has concerns with including continuing appropriation language in the statutory provisions, as earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

For illustrative purposes, the Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) calculates as follows:

\$10.00 appropriated fee x 100 estimated plates/fiscal year = \$1.0 MVD Fees

\$15.00 appropriated fee x 100 estimated plates/fiscal year = \$1.5 Game Protection Fund

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

While the DGF actively manages bass and habitat, there is not currently a bass habitat management program to which these funds could be dedicated.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There may be a minimal impact - the new plate will require some design and production work as well as a new application form and Internet/intranet page revisions. According to TRD, although this bill will have a low IT impact, MVD has an issue with adding additional revenue codes to the IT system.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

This bill provides for a continuing appropriation to MVD from fees collected from the commemorative plate. The LFC has concerns with including continuing appropriation language in statutory provisions, as earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.