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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pacheco LAST UPDATED 01/29/15 HB 77

SHORT TITLE Mobility Limitation Transport License Plates SB

ANALYST Sanogo

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------|------|-------|------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total | | \$0.5 | | | Nonrecurring | TRD-MVD Operating Budget |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)
Commission for the Deaf (CDHH)
Governor's Commission of Disability (GCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 77 adds to Section 66-3-16 NMSA 1978, that organizations that transport persons with significant mobility limitations may request a distinctive registration plate for each vehicle used to transport person with a significant mobility limitation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD), Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) did not report any fiscal impact related to HB 77.

However, since a "distinctive registration plate" is not clearly defined, a new plate design is a possibility. In 2013, TRD-MVD reported the actual cost of design and initial production of a new variation will be approximately \$500-600. In addition, MVD will need to revise application forms, procedure manuals and internet special plates pages to reflect the newly available options.

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SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD), Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), reports that organizations that transport individuals of limited mobility may find difficulty loading and unloading passengers in handicap parking space:

Currently only vehicles owned by individuals with significant mobility limitations are eligible for mobility limitation/handicap (HP) plates. Vehicles owned by nursing homes and other organizations that are used to transport such individuals are not eligible however.....They can generally rely on their individual passengers' handicap placards, but not all mobility-impaired individuals, especially those in nursing homes, have placards.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

In their 2013 analysis, MVD anticipated that there would be minimal administrative impact for them. The implementation of this bill will have a low impact for the Information Technology section.

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