

HB

74

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 1/23/87

FURTHER REFERRALS: Transportation

DATE: 2-6-87

The State Affairs Committee has considered HB 74

"An Act relating to motor license plates."

RECOMMENDS:

- replace with _____ the same title
- attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact same as previous fiscal note published _____
- zero fiscal note same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

Scott McManus (I WISH IT WAS 7 LETTERS)

[Signature]

[Signature]

Terry Martin

Cliff Davidson

Dave Douley

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature]
Chairman's signature

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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February 3, 1987

The Honorable John Sund
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Sund:

Enclosed is a draft of a fiscal note which the department will submit for the proposed House State Affairs committee substitute to HB 74, which changes the number of digits authorized on a personalized license plate from six to seven.


The division has turned down several requests in the past for seven digit plates. Thus, it is felt there would be a large influx the first year, and a new position would be requested to handle that increase. I would again like to emphasize it is currently our intent to discontinue issuing personalized license plates on July 1, 1987, because of necessary budget cuts. This would apply even if the amended version were to pass with the new position. The one position could not handle the increase, plus the current workload.

Our main priority must be to provide the basic services to the public at our field offices, rather than providing non-essential services to a select few. This is the reason the position who currently handles personalized license plates was cut rather than a position who works the counter in a field office.

An item which was brought to my attention today is that a motorcycle license plate with six digits, let alone seven, would take away part of the basic purpose of a license plate, which is to provide identification of a vehicle from a distance. The motorcycle license plate is considerably smaller than a regular license plate, thus it was felt a maximum of four or five digits, preferably four, should be allowed for these plates.

If you have any questions, or I can be of any other assistance, let me know.

Sincerely,



Bill Brown

Chief of Driver Services

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cc: The Honorable Fran Ulmer
Chairman, House State Affairs

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

Bill Version: Proposed CS HB 74 (SA)
Publish Date: _____

REQUEST: _____
Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act relating to motorcycle license plates.
Sponsor: Sund
Requestor: Sund

Agency Affected: Public Safety
BRU: Motor Vehicles
Components: Vehicle Services

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		31.4	16.0	16.5	17.0	17.5
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		60.8	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3
SUPPLIES		.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		92.3	20.1	20.7	21.3	21.9

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE		157.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		92.3	20.1	20.7	21.3	21.9
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		92.3	20.1	20.7	21.3	21.9

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		1				
PART-TIME			1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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2/3/87 Prepared by: Bill Brown Phone: 465-4335
Division: Motor Vehicles Date: 2-3-87

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: Public Safety

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CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. PROPOSED CSHB 74 (SA) ~~XXXXXX~~

EXPENDITURES:

Personal Services		
One Motor Vehicle Rep III, Anchorage (full time first year, part time second and subsequent years)	31.4	31.4
 Contractual		
Data Processing changes	25.0*	
License Plates 5,000 @ \$5.00	25.0	
250 @ \$2.50 (m/c)	.6	
Postage 5,000 plates @ 1.75 per set	8.8	
250 plates @ \$.76 per plate	.2	
General correspondence 2,625 @ \$.22	.8	
Printing Temporary registrations 5,250 x .07	.4	
	Total 60.8	60.8
 Commodities		
Normal Office Supplies	.1	
		Total .1
		92.3

*One time charge

REVENUES:

FY88 is based on issuance of 5,000 regular personalized license plates with 7 digits, and 250 motorcycle personalized license plates at the cost to the owner of \$30.00 per application.

FY89 and subsequent years based on issuance of 500 regular personalized license plates, over and above the current trend, and 50 new motorcycle personalized license plates per year.

INFORMATION:

This fiscal note reflects what the increased cost would be to issue personalized license plates to motorcycles, and increase the number of digits on personalized plates from six to seven.

The position in the Special Programs Unit of DMV which now handles personalized plates is not funded in the FY88 operating budget due to the required decrement. The new position requested in this fiscal note would not be able to handle the increase, plus current workload of the deleted position.

Therefore, it is the current intent of the department to not hire the position requested in this fiscal note, and to discontinue issuing personalized license plates on July 1, 1987.

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

REQUEST: _____
 Revision Date: _____
 Title: An Act relating to motorcycle license plates.
 Sponsor: Sund
 Requestor: House State Affairs

Bill Version: HB 74
 Publish Date: _____

Agency Affected: Public Safety
 BRU: Motor Vehicles
 Components: Vehicle Services

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
CAPITAL						
REV	JE	-0-	7.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Division: Motor Vehicles
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
 Agency: Public Safety

Phone: 465-4335
 Date: 1-28-87
 Date: 1/29/87

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1/29/87

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. HB 74

EXPENDITURES:

Contractual	
License Plates @ \$2.50 x 250	.6
Postage @ \$.76 x 250	.2
Total	<u>.8</u>

After the original impact of 250 personalized motorcycle license plates the first year, it is estimated there will be 50 such plates issued in FY89 and subsequent years.

REVENUES:

FY88 is based on issuance of 250 personalized motorcycle license plates at cost to owner of \$30 per plate.

FY89 and subsequent years based on issuance of 50 new personalized motorcycle license plates per year.

INFORMATION:

As a result of the FY88 budget decrement the Division of Motor Vehicles may discontinue issuing personalized license plates as of July 1, 1987.

It is realized there will be few requests for personalized motorcycle plates. However, if the position in the Special Programs Unit of DMV, which now issues personalized plates, is not funded in the operating budget it is the intent of the department to not issue any personalized license plates under AS 28.10.181(c), including motorcycles.

The department feels it would not be appropriate to request funding in this fiscal note for a part-time position so personalized plates could be issued only to motorcycle owners if we discontinue issuing such plates to the other classes of vehicles that are now eligible. It is also felt it would be inappropriate to request funding in this fiscal note to reestablish a position that may be deleted in the operating budget when the majority of the position's duties are not affected by this bill.

*BROWN: has been cut - July 1 1987
personalized plates: no funding - no -
consequence -*

BILL NO: HB 74

DATE: January 30, 1987

TITLE: An Act relating to
motorcycle license plates

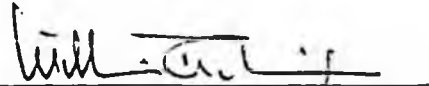
CONTACT: Bill Brown
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Current law authorizes the issuance of personalized (vanity) license plates for use on passenger vehicles, noncommercial vans or pickup trucks, and motor homes. This bill includes motorcycles as a type of vehicle for which the department may issue personalized plates.

The inclusion of motorcycles as a class of vehicle that would be eligible for a personalized license plate would have a slight impact on the department. Special plates do require extra processing and handling, thus take considerable more time when originally applied for than a regular registration.

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The department is opposed to this bill because it is felt that a time when we are cutting positions and functions is not the time to be adding additional duties.



William R. Nix
Acting Commissioner

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