

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1076 (Delegate Ports. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Motor Vehicles - Special Registration Plates - Recipients of Occupation Medals

This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue special registration plates to individuals who received the Army of Occupation Medal or the Navy Occupation Service Medal. In addition to the current annual registration fee, the MVA is required to set a fee that will allow the MVA to recover its costs for issuing and distributing the plates.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in offsetting special fund revenues and expenditures. Potential indeterminate increase in computer programming costs.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The level of interest that could be generated by this type of special registration plate cannot be reliably estimated at this time. Currently, the MVA issues a combat medal special plate at a fee of \$15. It is assumed that the fee for the new plate would be set at a similar level in order for the MVA to recover its costs.

The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$50,000 to modify the computer programs to include a format for the new plate. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) advises that if other legislation is passed requiring computer reprogramming changes, economies of scale could be realized. This would reduce computer programming costs associated with this bill and other legislation affecting the MVA system. Further, DLS advises that the increased computer expenditure is simply an

estimate and the MVA may be able to handle the changes with either less money than it estimates or existing resources.

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