

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 3 (Senate Finance Committee Substitute)

**SHORT TITLE:** Desert Storm License Plate

**SPONSOR(S):**

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004-05</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005-06</u></b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>					
<b>SPECIAL REGISTRATION</b>					
<b>PLATE ACCOUNT</b>					
Revenues	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Expenditures	\$1,000				

**POSITIONS:**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act is effective when it becomes law.

**BILL SUMMARY:** This bill authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue “Desert Storm Veteran” special registration plates to veterans of the U.S. armed services who served in either Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield. The veteran must be either currently serving in the armed forces or separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** In addition to the normal \$20 vehicle registration fee for private passenger vehicles, each applicant for a Desert Storm Veteran plate pays \$10 that is deposited into the Special Registration Plate Account. Since the number of Desert Storm/Desert Shield veterans applying for this plate is unknown, this fiscal note assumes only the minimum 300 applicants needed to qualify for the plate. At \$10 a plate, this will generate \$3,000 a year for the Special Registration Plate Account. There is no increase in the Highway

Fund since the special plate applicants pay the same \$20 vehicle registration fee that they were paying for a regular license plate.

According to the Division of Motor Vehicles, there is a one-time cost of approximately \$100 to design a new plate. There is also a production cost of approximately \$3.00 per plate based on one color design. The cost per plate will increase if more color is added or the design is complex. The total production cost for 300 plates is \$1,000.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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