



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2023 Session

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**Short Title:** Remove Fee/Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Plate.  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 288 (First Edition)  
**Sponsor(s):** Rep. John and Rep. Clampitt

### SUMMARY TABLE

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.288, V.1

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>
<b>State Impact</b>					
Transportation					
Special Fund Revenues	(24,870)	(23,810)	(22,750)	(21,690)	(20,630)
<u>Less Expenditures</u>	_____ -	_____ -	_____ -	_____ -	_____ -
<b>Transportation</b>					
<b>Special Fund Impact</b>	<b>(24,870)</b>	<b>(23,810)</b>	<b>(22,750)</b>	<b>(21,690)</b>	<b>(20,630)</b>
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>(24,870)</b>	<b>(23,810)</b>	<b>(22,750)</b>	<b>(21,650)</b>	<b>(20,630)</b>

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the additional special registration plate fee for Fire Department and Rescue Squad plates. This would reduce revenues for the Special Registration Plate Account, a special fund within the Department of Transportation, by an estimated (\$113,750) over 5 years.

**Section 1** amends G.S. 20-79.7(a1) to add Fire Department and Rescue Squad plates to the list of those exempted from paying an additional fee. These plates are classified under “All other Special Plates” and vehicle owners pay a \$10 additional annual fee. Funds from the fee are deposited in the Special Registration Plate Account special fund within the Department of Transportation.

**Section 2** makes the effective date of this change July 1, 2023, for new registrations and renewals.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

Section 1 eliminates the additional payment of \$10 for three Fire Department and Rescue Squad plates issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). These are classified as “Fireman”, “Fireman-Rescue Squad” and “Rescue Squad.” As of March 20, 2023, there are a total of 2,593 plates impacted by this section. With an annual fee of \$10, these registrations generate approximately \$26,000 annually.

Registrations for these plates have declined over the past three years, with an average annual change of \$(1,060) per year.

Table 2: Revenue from Fire Department and Rescue Squad plates

Year	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23 (Estimated)	Average Change
Revenue	\$29,120	\$29,020	\$26,560	\$25,930	
Annual Change		\$(100)	\$(2,460)	\$(630)	\$(1,060)

Source: North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles

This estimate assumes continued declines in the total number of plates registered under the section at the average annual change rate as shown in Table 2. The estimate for FY 2022-23 is based on the number of plates registered as of March 20, 2023. This change is effective July 1, 2023, impacting the 2023-24 fiscal year and future fiscal years.

Funds from these special registration fees are deposited in the Special Registration Plate Account special fund within the Department of Transportation. The reduction in funds from this bill impacts the highway beautification and roadside vegetation management programs.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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N/A.

**DATA SOURCES**

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NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS**

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