

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3759-01  
Bill No.: HB 1771  
Subject: Licenses - Motor Vehicles; Motor Vehicles; Revenue Department  
Type: Original  
Date: April 20, 2010

Bill Summary: This proposal allows a “LEGION OF MERIT” special license plate for any person who has been awarded this military service award.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Revenue	\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)	\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)	\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Highway Fund	\$0 to Less than \$100,000	\$0 to Less than \$100,000	\$0 to Less than \$100,000
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0 to Less than \$100,000</b>	<b>\$0 to Less than \$100,000</b>	<b>\$0 to Less than \$100,000</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0 to Less than \$100,000</b>	<b>\$0 to Less than \$100,000</b>	<b>\$0 to Less than \$100,000</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Corrections - Missouri Vocational Enterprises** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agency.

According to officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the proposal. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Missouri Veterans Commission** state there is no fiscal impact to their agency.

The **Department of Revenue (DOR)** response to proposals similar to, or identical to, this one in previous sessions indicated DOR planned to absorb the administrative costs to implement the proposal. Due to budget constraints, reduction of staff, and the limitations within the DOR motor vehicle legacy systems, changes cannot be made without significant impact to DOR resources and budget. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this proposal is estimated as follows:

### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

#### Motor Vehicle Bureau:

- Procedures will need to be revised by a Management Analyst Specialist I requiring 40 hours of overtime at a cost of \$805 in FY 11.
- The Application for Missouri Military Personalized License Plates (DOR-4601) will need to be revised to include a new plate type. This will require 40 hours of overtime for a Management Analyst Specialist I, at a cost of \$805 in FY 11.
- The DOR web site will need to be updated to include the new plate type. This will require 10 hours of overtime for an Administrative Analyst III, at a cost of \$218 in FY 11.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

**Oversight** assumes DOR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. **Oversight** assumes DOR could absorb the personal service costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DOR could request funding through the appropriation process.

DOR is charged \$279 for the initial set-up of a new specialty plate for passenger, truck, and RV as well as an additional charge of \$92 each to include disabled and motorcycle plates, for a total of \$463 for the initial set-up. This is a one-time fee that will be charged upon passage of this bill in FY 11.

Currently, it costs DOR \$4.75 per plate, \$9.50 per set of plates, for manufacturing flat plates through Missouri Vocational Enterprises. The number of applicants who will wish to obtain this plate is unknown. DOR is assuming 100 applicants in FY 11 at a cost to DOR of \$950 in FY 11.

Total cost for plate set-up and manufacturing: FY 11 \$1,413

Information Technology - OA-ITSD (DOR):

System Modifications: The Title and Registration Intranet Processing System (TRIPS) plate table would need to be updated to reflect the Legion of Merit specialty plate. This function requires minimal programming and will be absorbed by existing staff.

REVENUE IMPACT

DOR states that the Missouri Veterans Commission has made repeated attempts to obtain information on the number of Missouri recipients of the "Legion of Merit" award from the Department of Defense and have been unsuccessful. The number of applicants who will wish to obtain this plate is unknown. However, for each 100 Legion of Merit specialty plate applications received, DOR assumes there will be an increase in revenue each year of 1,500 that would be distributed 75% to Highway Fund, 15% to cities, and 10% to counties as a result of the \$25 specialty plate fee.

**Oversight** assumes that before this specialty plate is produced and DOR would incur the associated costs, there must be at least 200 applicants committed to purchase the plate. It is unknown if there will be the required number of applicants during the scope of this fiscal note. For fiscal note purposes only, **Oversight** will estimate revenue as: \$0 to Less than \$100,000. **Oversight** will also estimate cost to General Revenue as: \$0 to (Less than \$100,000).



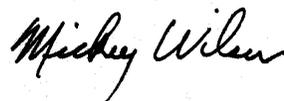
### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation allows for a special license plate designated "LEGION OF MERIT" and bearing an image of the Legion of Merit medal for any person who has been awarded this military service award. To obtain the special license plate, a person must make application, furnish proof as a recipient of the Legion of Merit medal, and pay a \$15 fee to the Department of Revenue in addition to the registration fee and any other documents required by law.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Missouri Veterans Commission  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Corrections  
Missouri Vocational Enterprises  
Office of Secretary of State  
Administrative Rules Division



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