

HCS SCS SB 812, 752 & 909 -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

SPONSOR: Schmitt (Dixon)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute allows for the following special license plates:

- (1) COMBAT ACTION;
- (2) LEGION OF MERIT;
- (3) JOIN THE MOVEMENT in support of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society;
- (4) NIXA EDUCATION FOUNDATION; and
- (5) NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION.

The administrative procedures for issuing and developing specialty license plates are revised by:

- (1) Specifying that the Department of Revenue is not required to accept applications and issue specialty plates for a specific category or organization if no applications for the plate have been received within four years from the authorization of the plate or if the total number of specialty plates issued for a specific category is less than 200 for two consecutive years;
- (2) Authorizing the department to discontinue the issuance and renewal of a specialty plate if the organization has stopped providing services and the emblem-use authorization statement is no longer being issued by the organization. The organization must notify the department immediately to discontinue the issuance of a specialty plate. These provisions will not apply to any specialty plate which bears the emblem or insignia of a branch of the United States military or a military organization or involves military actions or personnel;
- (3) Removing the July 1 deadline for the submission of the necessary documents and fees to the department regarding a request for a new specialty plate and allowing an organization to submit the necessary documents at any time. Interested parties have 60 days from the filing of the proposal to submit testimony to the department in support of or opposition to the creation of the specialty plate; and
- (4) Requiring the department, as soon as practicable after receiving the required documents and fees, to submit an

application for the development of a specialty plate to the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight for its approval or denial. Currently, the department must submit an application during a regular session of the General Assembly.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$8,635 to a cost of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2011, an income of \$10,673 to a cost of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2012, and an income of \$10,993 to a cost of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2013. Estimated Effect on Other State Funds of a cost of \$39,488 to an income of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2011, a cost of \$47,385 to an income of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2012, and a cost of \$47,385 to an income of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2013.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows members of these organizations to raise awareness, show support, and raise funds for the many projects of the organizations.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Schmitt; and National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.