

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6528H.01I  
Bill No.: HB 3280  
Subject: Licenses - Motor Vehicle; Veterans; Disabilities  
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes a special license plate for surviving spouses of disabled veterans.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$82,196)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$82,196)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §301.4102 – Special License Plates for Surviving Spouses of Disabled Veterans

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

#### Administrative Impact

To implement the proposed legislation, the Department will be required to:

- Update forms
- Update procedures
- Train staff

#### FY 2027 – Motor Vehicle Bureau

Associate Research/Data Analyst 80 hrs. @ \$31.16/hr. =\$2,493

Research/Data Analyst 40 hrs. @ \$37.14/hr. =\$1,486

Administrative Manager 20 hrs. @ \$51.40/hr. =\$1,028

#### FY 2027 – Systems Analysis & Support

Associate Research/Data Analyst 132 hrs. @ \$31.16/hr. =\$4,113

Research/Data Analyst 33 hrs. @ \$37.14/hr. =\$1,226

Administrative Manager 17 hrs. @ \$51.40/hr. =\$874

#### FY 2027 – Strategy & Communications Office

Associate Research/Data Analyst 60 hrs. @ \$31.16/hr. =\$1,870

Research/Data Analyst 30 hrs. @ \$37.14/hr. =\$1,114

Total = \$14,204

**Oversight** assumes DOR will use existing staff and will not hire additional FTE to conduct these activities; therefore, Oversight will not reflect the administrative costs DOR has indicated on the fiscal note.

#### FUSION Impact

**DOR** notes:

100 hours of development @ \$225/hr. = **\$22,500**

100 hours of testing @ \$225/hr. = **\$22,500**

**DOR** notes OA-ITSD services will be required at a cost of **\$37,196** in FY 2027 (354.25 hours x \$105 per hour).

The fiscal impact estimated above is based on changes in the current Department's Motor Vehicle system environment. The implementation of this legislation will be coordinated with the integration of the Department's Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing software system approved and passed by the General Assembly in 2020 (Senate Bill 176). To avoid duplicative technology development and associated costs to the state, it is recommended a delayed effective date be added to this bill to correlate with the installation of the new system.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary in regard to DOR's assumptions; therefore, Oversight will reflect DOR's OA-ITSD and FUSION costs on the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation** defer to DOR for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

**Oversight** notes this proposal issues a \$15 fee, in addition to the fees for registration, for these special license plates. Oversight assumes there will be a minimal number of plates issued; therefore, Oversight will not reflect revenue gained from the additional fee.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
Cost – DOR (§301.4102) FUSION p.3	(\$45,000)	\$0	\$0
Cost – DOR (§301.4102) OA-ITSD p.4	(\$37,196)	\$0	\$0
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$82,196)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows any person who is a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to apply for "Surviving Spouse" motor vehicle license plates. The Director of the Department of Revenue must design an application and the applicant must show proof of their status as a surviving spouse as required by the Director. The Director will issue plates with the words "SURVIVING SPOUSE" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE" at the top of the license plate and "OF DISABLED VETERAN" on the bottom of the plate.

The license plates must meet standard requirements for other license plates. Applicants will pay the same fee of \$15 as is charged for other specialty license plates. There will be no limit on the number of plates an individual may purchase under this section, except that such plates can only be issued for vehicles the person owns solely or jointly. Surviving spouse license plates will not be transferable.

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

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