

**STATE AND LOCAL  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Bill Status:** Senate Transportation  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2007-2008</b>	<b>FY 2008-2009</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>		
<b>State Revenue</b>	\$4,554	\$3,036
<b>State Expenditures</b>	12,670	536
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
<b>State Revenue Detail</b>		
Cash Funds - Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF)	\$3,750	\$2,500
Cash Funds - License Plate Cash Fund	804	536
<b>State Expenditures Detail</b>		
Cash Funds - License Plate Cash Fund	\$12,670	\$536
<b>Effective Date:</b> Unless a referendum petition is filed, the bill will take effect August 8, 2007, assuming the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2007, as scheduled.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-2008:</b> See State Appropriations section.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> Increased HUTF allocations to counties and municipalities.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates the "United States Coast Guard" special license plate for individuals who can prove they have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard, or are currently an active or reserve member. The plate would be available to applicants who pay an additional one-time fee of \$25.

**State Revenues**

The bill establishes a new special license plate available for a one-time fee of \$25, which would be credited to the HUTF. Under current law, applicants must also pay \$5.08 to cover the direct costs of producing and issuing each set of plates and \$0.28 in fees for months and year tabs. These moneys are credited to the License Plate Cash Fund. Table 1 shows these revenue impacts.

<b>Table 1. Estimated Revenue from U.S. Coast Guard Special License Plate</b>		
	<b>FY 2007-08</b>	<b>FY 2008-09</b>
Number of License Plate Sets to be Issued	150	100
Revenue from one-time \$25 Fee (HUTF)	\$3,750	\$2,500
Fees to Cover Cost of Plates (License Plate CF)	\$804	\$536
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,554</b>	<b>\$3,036</b>

For FY 2007-08, this fiscal note assumes 150 sets of license plates are produced and issued. Thereafter, it is assumed that the Department of Revenue would produce and issue 100 sets of plates per year. These HUTF moneys are allocated for state highways (65%) and to counties and municipalities (35%) for highway purposes.

**State Expenditures**

**The total estimated costs for the Department of Revenue for FY 2007-08 are \$12,670.** Table 2 shows the estimated costs, which would be paid from the License Plate Cash Fund.

<b>Table 2. Estimated Expenditures for U.S. Coast Guard Special License Plate</b>		
	<b>FY 2007-08</b>	<b>FY 2008-09</b>
Number of License Plate Sets to be Produced	150	100
Cost for Plates (\$5.08 per set) & Tabs (\$0.28 per set)	\$804	\$536
Computer Programming (59 hrs. @ \$201.12 per hour)	\$11,866	\$0
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$12,670</b>	<b>\$536</b>

**Local Government Impact**

The bill increases HUTF revenue, 35 percent of which will be allocated to counties and municipalities for highway purposes.

**State Appropriations**

For FY 2007-08, the Department of Revenue would require a cash fund appropriation of \$12,670 from the License Plate Cash Fund.

**Departments Contacted**

Military Affairs                      Revenue