

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

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To: Transportation Committee  
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### **LD 990 – An Act Regarding Veterans License Plates**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- Allows a veteran who applies for a special veterans registration plate for an automobile or a motorcycle to pay the registration fee only once for the first set of plates issued.
- Any additional issuance of plates requires payment of the fee annually.

#### **TESTIMONY:**

**Proponents:** *None (other than the sponsor)*

- LD was submitted on behalf of a constituent who believes strongly that veterans deserve a break when it comes to paying for their registration plates.
- LD allows for a one-time payment of the registration fee for one set of special veterans registration plates (either a passenger vehicle or motorcycle).

**Opponents:** *None*

**NFNA:** *Bureau of Motor Vehicles*

- Approximately 50,202 veterans registration plates would fall within the scope of the bill.
- Currently, BMV is not able to distinguish between veterans registration plate (of the “up to 3” plates) under the “one-time fee” registration category and veterans registration plates subject to the yearly renewal fee.
- There is no relationship between plates and no easy way to program such a relationship within BMV’s database. Anytime these types of changes have to be made within systems, BMV has to take into consideration that the Bureau has 3 independent vendor systems that the Bureau’s municipal partners use to process registrations.
- Requiring program changes to both Bureau systems and vendor systems will be problematic, time consuming and possibly costly.
- If 50,202 veterans registration plates are not subject to a renewal fee, the revenue loss is approximately \$1.7 million annually.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** *Not yet received.*