

## Department of Motor Vehicles 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2187

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Wardrup

**3. Committee**    Transportation

**4. Title**            Special license plates; certain officials and constitutional officers; fees.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Special license plates; certain officials and constitutional officers; fees. Increases the fee for issuance of special license plates to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, members of the House of Delegates, members of the Virginia Senate, the Clerk of the House of Delegates, the Clerk of the Virginia Senate, the Governor of Virginia, the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, the Attorney General of Virginia, United States Congressmen, United States Senators, sheriffs, county and city treasurers and commissioners of the revenue, attorneys for the Commonwealth, circuit court clerks, and general registrars to \$25 plus the vehicle registration fee and the reserved numbers or letters fee.

**6. Fiscal Impact:** Estimates are preliminary.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:**

The process for issuing special plates to certain officials, as authorized by Va. Code §§ 46.2-736.1 and 46.2-737, requires unique processing because issuance of plates is determined by seniority for most of the qualifying officials. Processing these plates is done annually by DMV after it receives the seniority status of officeholders. Upon final verification of plate numbers, lettering, and proper registration, this information is manually entered into DMV databases to ensure proper issuance.

DMV estimates indicate that the total annual cost for processing special plates for constitutional officers and general registrars, as authorized by Va. Code §§ 46.2-736.1 and 46.2-737, is \$11,030. This estimate includes \$6,333 in annual costs for 239 staff hours of processing time and \$4,697 in annual costs for plates and materials.

Costs estimates for processing special plates of other office holders, such the members of the General Assembly, Clerks of the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate, Virginia members of the US Congress, Governor, Lt. Governor, and the Attorney General total \$3,941.

In addition to the above, DMV conservatively estimates an additional 20% overhead cost of \$2,994.

DMV's total estimated cost to process these special plates, under current law, is \$17,965 per year.

There are approximately 918 of these special plates currently issued. The current issuance fee is \$10 per year, totaling \$9,180 in annual revenue to DMV. Under the proposed legislation, increasing the registration fees to \$25 annually, DMV will receive approximately \$22,950 in annual revenue.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** DMV

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:**

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