

## Department of Motor Vehicles 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1512

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron** Plum

3. **Committee** House Transportation

4. **Title** Definition of "disabled veteran" for purposes of Title 46.2 (Motor Vehicles).

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Definition of "disabled veteran" for purposes of Title 46.2 (Motor Vehicles). Provides that, for purposes of Title 46.2 (Motor Vehicles), a veteran will be considered a "disabled veteran" if he is certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration as being at least 50% disabled.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary**

DMV does not have the data needed to estimate impact on revenue. See #8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** By changing the third category under the definition of "disabled veteran" in § 46.2-100 from "permanently and totally" disabled to "at least 50%" disabled, this bill might affect revenue because the change in definition would expand the group to whom disabled veteran license plates might be issued under § 46.2-739. Veterans who currently qualify for the disabled veteran license plates under § 46.2-739 receive the plates and registration for one vehicle at no cost.

Currently there are 4,569 active disabled veteran plate registrations. DMV has no data indicating how many more veterans would qualify for these license plates under the amended definition (i.e., how many veterans are at least 50% disabled as a result of an injury other than loss of or loss of the use of a leg, arm, or hand, or permanent impairment of both eyes to the extent set forth in §46.2-100).

DMV contacted the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) and the Disabled American Veterans to obtain the needed data, but it was not available from either source. DVS is in the process of requesting information from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and will request this data as well.

For each additional veteran who would qualify for the disabled veteran's license plates under § 46.2-739 as a result of the expanded definition proposed by HB 1512, DMV would lose gross revenue of at least \$39.50: the \$10.00 fee for the special license plate and \$29.50 for the annual vehicle registration (more if the veteran has a vehicle requiring a higher registration fee).

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

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:**

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**cc:** Secretary of Transportation