

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1281

House of Origin     Introduced    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Engrossed  
Second House        \_\_\_ In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Spruill

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**        **Driving with special license plates after conviction of DUI.**

**5. Summary:** This bill requires persons convicted of drunk driving a third or subsequent time who have registered motor vehicles in Virginia to use yellow license plates with red letters and numbers for a five-year period.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates:** Preliminary. See Item #8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 441.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Statistics from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for FY 2007 indicate that approximately 860 orders of suspension were issued by DMV related to third offenses of driving under the influence (DUI). Given this, the \$500 fee required by the bill for the issuance of this special license plate would be expected to provide up to \$430,000 per year in revenue after the three-year revocation period ends, assuming all persons convicted under this proposal remain in Virginia.

Based on DMV's activity-based costing model, the per-transaction cost to process and issue this new plate type is estimated to be \$14.34, which includes production and staffing costs. The total annual expense related to the plates is estimated at \$12,332 per year.

This bill will require courts to physically transmit surrendered license plates to DMV. The mailing or transmission costs can be absorbed with current resources.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles, Courts.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** No

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