

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2132

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Hugo

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: HOV lanes; exemption for clean special fuel vehicles.

5. Summary/Purpose: Extends the “sunset” to 2008 authorizing the use of certain HOV lanes by vehicles bearing clean special fuel vehicle license plates.

6. No fiscal impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines for determining which vehicles will qualify for the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) exemptions (as required under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – SAFE-TEA) have not been issued. The EPA guidelines are not expected to be issued until later this year, at the earliest.

Maintaining the exemption should encourage the continued purchase and renewal of clean special fuel plates. For each plate issued or renewed, \$10 goes to the Department of Motor Vehicles and \$15 to Virginia State Police to support its HOV enforcement efforts. The last count made of active clean special fuel license plate registrations estimated the total as of June 30, 2006, at over 15,400. An updated count has been requested and will be available in the near future.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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