

## Department of Motor Vehicles 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1013

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Puckett

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Special license plates; Purple Heart recipients; fees.

**5. Summary:** Special license plates; Purple Heart recipients; fees. Eliminates the fee for issuance or renewal of Purple Heart license plates, provided that only one set of plates can be issued free for any one applicant.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill represents a revenue loss for the Commonwealth, but the impact of this bill will be determined by the number of applicants actually requesting Purple Heart plates as a result of its enactment. Through FY 2010, there were 3,436 active Purple Heart registrations. By limiting this fee exception to a single set of plates per applicant, the number of active plates that would be renewed at no fee would be 2,728, leaving 708 sets at current annual registration fees. At current special plate registration fees (\$50.75 for most passenger vehicles), renewals of the active plates would account for a loss of \$145,526.

The estimated loss represents the full fee elimination on 2728 sets of plates and the elimination of the standard \$10 special plate fee on 708 sets. DMV would expect the number of Purple Heart registrations to increase, but the numbers of new and past Purple Heart recipients who would request plates is unknown, as is the number of unremarried surviving spouses of Purple Heart recipients, who are also eligible for the plates. This increase would add to the total revenue lost, but that total cannot be estimated.

DMV would expect a one-time expenditure of \$57,450 to update its computer systems according to the provisions of this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation, State Police, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 2/10/11

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