Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB98

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

2. **Patron:** Cole

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** License plates, special; immediate family members of persons who have died in military service

5. **Summary:** This bill includes immediate family members of persons who have died while in the performance of their official duties among those who may be issued a special license plate known as the "Gold Star" license plate. Currently, such plates may be issued to immediate family members of persons who have died while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States but not those who have otherwise died in the line of duty.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item #8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation will make more individuals eligible for the Gold Star special plate than are eligible today. However, an exact determination cannot be made of the number of individuals who would become eligible for the Gold Star special plate. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) incurs a cost of approximately $3 for each standard plate produced. The purchasers of the gold star plates will pay as much as they would if they got a standard passenger plate, for which DMV recoups the $3 cost from the traditional fees customers pay. The agency will absorb the cost differential between the production of the standard plate and the production of the gold star plate. This special plate was reauthorized in 2008 to remove the one-time $10 fee. Consequently, the issuance of new plates will not lead to increased revenue for the Commonwealth.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.

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