

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB434

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

2. **Patron:** Barker

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Special license plates; PROTECT POLLINATORS

5. **Summary:** This bill changes the special license plates for Protect Pollinators from nonrevenue sharing to revenue sharing and provides for the moneys to be allocated to the Virginia Department of Transportation to aid in the Pollinator Habitat Program.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will incur a one-time \$4,599 information technology development cost, which can be absorbed with existing resources.

This legislation may cause a reduction in DMV revenue. The PROTECT POLLINATORS plate, authorized pursuant to § 46.2-725, requires a \$10 registration fee. Should this plate become a revenue-sharing plate, the fee would increase to \$25. If current plate holders choose not to renew their plates at the higher fee and instead chose a plate with no extra fee, there would be a corresponding reduction of \$10 in revenue for each such customer. There are currently 3,300 PROTECT POLLINATOR plates. If each one of these customers chose to get a no-fee plate, DMV would see a revenue reduction of \$33,000.

A potential reduction in revenue could occur several years in the future. Current plate holders eligible for renewal prior to July 1, 2016 could choose to renew for one, two, or three years. These individuals would be able to keep their plates for the length of the renewal at the lower \$10 fee. If some of these customers switched to a standard plate, DMV would not see the resulting reduction in revenue until their next renewal.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.

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c: Secretary of Transportation