

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2096

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

2. Patron: O'Quinn

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: License plates, special; bearing legend NOT FORGOTTEN.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of Americans listed as prisoners of war or missing in action bearing the legend NOT FORGOTTEN. The bill requires that the design of such plate incorporate the POW/MIA Flag as designated by the federal National POW/MIA Flag Act. The bill exempts these special license plates from the requirement to obtain 450 prepaid applications for such plate. The bill provides that some of the license plate fees will be deposited in the POW/MIA Fund, established within the Department of Accounts, and paid annually to the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia and used to support its operation and programs in Virginia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The authorization and issuance of special plates is normally based on the ability of the plate's sponsors to collect and submit at least 450 prepaid applications. Special plates series normally must also meet a minimum active plate threshold five or more years after the original issuance for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to remain authorized to issue the series. This bill authorizes DMV to issue a new special plate series, while providing this series an exemption from the minimum active plate threshold and the 450 prepaid application requirement.

This legislation requires \$15 to be paid annually to the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia for each \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registration renewal and initial registration fees to support the operation of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia's work throughout the Commonwealth. The remaining fees will be set aside for DMV's use.

DMV generally uses the money generated by the statutorily required 450 prepaid applications to offset the initial costs of production and materials for the issuance of a new special plate series. By exempting a plate series from this requirement, DMV will be required to absorb the initial issuance costs, which may take several years to recoup depending on plate sales.

In order to implement the bill, the agency will incur programming costs estimated at \$5,273. The 73 staff hours required can be accomplished during the normal work schedules for DMV employees, given current workloads. DMV would be able to absorb this cost within its existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.