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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires license plates to be fastened securely in a horizontal and upright position to the vehicle for which it was issued to prevent the plate from swinging. Additionally, an intrastate-only large commercial motor vehicle that has been issued a forty-five-day temporary license plate pursuant to Section 56-3-212 may display a motorcycle-sized temporary license plate securely in the front, passenger-side windshield of the vehicle. The unique identifying license plate text must face the exterior of the vehicle and should not obstruct the driver's view. The bill also authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue ten new special license plates.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on DMV. The provision requiring license plates to be fastened in a certain manner does not operationally or fiscally impact the agency. Further, DMV indicates that the agency can manage the production costs of the various new special license plates within existing appropriations.

This bill will increase General Fund revenue, Other Funds revenue of the Department of Transportation (DOT), Other Funds revenue of DMV, Other Funds revenue of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB), and Other Funds revenue of the Department of Agriculture for the fees associated with issuance of the ten new special license plates. The amount generated will depend on the number of special license plates requested. For each plate, unless otherwise specified, fees are distributed in the following manner. Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. For those special license plates that are subject to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires a \$6,800 application fee, the \$6,800 fee will be credited to the State Highway Fund of DOT. Any plates with additional fees will be distributed to the organization or entity as directed for the special license plate as detailed under State Revenue below.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Signed by Governor on May 20, 2024

State Expenditure

Section 1

This section requires license plates to be fastened securely in a horizontal and upright position to the vehicle for which it was issued to prevent the plate from swinging. Additionally, an intrastate-only large commercial motor vehicle that has been issued a forty-five-day temporary license plate pursuant to Section 56-3-212 may display a motorcycle-sized temporary license plate securely in the front, passenger-side windshield of the vehicle. The unique identifying license plate text must face the exterior of the vehicle and should not obstruct the driver's view.

This section will have no expenditure impact on DMV since it does not operationally or fiscally impact the department.

Section 2

This section authorizes DMV to issue Hearing Impaired special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles who are hearing impaired. The application for this special plate must include an original certificate from a licensed physician that certifies that the applicant has a permanent, uncorrectable hearing loss of forty decibels or more in one or both ears. The fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56. This section does not specify whether this special plate is subject to or exempt from the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate must bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate.

This section does not specify whether the \$6,800 application fee applies to this new special plate. However, DMV indicates that the agency can manage the cost of production within existing appropriations. DMV further indicates that the agency currently has a process in place to accept the required medical certificate and the modification of forms can be managed within the normal course of agency business.

Section 3

This section authorizes DMV to issue South Carolina Equine Industry special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of the fees for the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate must bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate. The biennial fee for each special license plate is \$30 plus the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56. Any portion of the \$30 fee in excess of the costs of production and distribution of the license plates must be distributed to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of promoting of the equipment industry.

DMV indicates that since the production and distribution of this plate follow the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, and the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license

plate must bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate, this section of the bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

Section 4

This section authorizes DMV to issue Native American special license plates to owners of motorcycles. The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of the fees for the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate must bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate. The biennial fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56 plus an additional fee of \$30. Any portion of the \$30 fee in excess of the costs of production and distribution of the license plates must be distributed to the Native American Prison Program of South Carolina.

DMV indicates that since the production and distribution of this plate follow the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, and the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate must bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate, this section of the bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

Section 5

This section authorizes DMV to issue Catawba Nation special license plates. These special license plates are exempt from the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100. The biennial fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56 plus an additional fee of \$40. The \$40 fee must be distributed to the Catawba Nation.

Since this special license plate is exempt from the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100(A), DMV will be responsible for the cost of producing each new license plate. The agency indicates that it can manage the cost of production within its existing appropriations. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to DMV.

Section 6

This section authorizes DMV to issue Cherokee Indian Nation special license plates to owners of private passenger vehicles and motorcycles. Only members of the Cherokee Indian Nation are eligible to receive this special license plate. A member of the Cherokee Indian Nation applying for the special license plate must provide an official document from the Cherokee Indian Nation verifying membership. The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of the fees for the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate to bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate. The biennial fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56 plus an additional fee of \$30.

DMV indicates that since the production and distribution of this plate follow the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, and the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate must bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate, this section of

the bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency. DMV further indicates that the agency currently has a process in place to accept the required document verifying membership, and the modification of forms can be managed within the normal course of agency business.

Section 7

This section authorizes DMV to issue South Carolina Beekeepers Association special license plates to owners of private passenger vehicles and motorcycles. The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of the fees for the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate to bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate. The biennial fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56 plus an additional fee of \$40. Any portion of the \$40 fee in excess of the costs of production and distribution of the license plates must be distributed to the South Carolina Beekeepers Association to be used for research and education.

DMV indicates that since the production and distribution of this plate follows the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, and the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate must bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate, this section of the bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

Section 8

This section of the bill allows DMV to issue USC 2017, 2022, and 2024 Women's Basketball National Champions special license plates to owners of private passenger vehicles or motorcycles. There are currently USC 2017 Women's Basketball National Champions license plates and USC 2017 and 2022 Women's Basketball National Champions license plates being produced for private passenger vehicles, but there are no motorcycle license plates for these two plate classes. Further, DMV must issue registrants of the existing USC Women's Basketball Champions the redesigned 2017, 2022, and 2024 USC Women's Basketball National Champions license plate to each registrant of the existing plates once the ten-year lifecycle has ended for both existing plates.

DMV previously reported that it costs \$7.90 per end-of-life plate replacement, and as of April 30, 2024, there were 172 active registrations of USC 2017 Women's Basketball National Champions license plates and USC 2017 and 2022 Women's Basketball National Champions license plates. Therefore, the agency's expenditures will increase by approximately \$1,360 no earlier than FY 2026-27 to replace the existing 2017 only and 2017 and 2022 special license plates with the redesigned 2017, 2022, and 2024 plate.

Additionally, DMV previously indicated that it intends to charge a \$350 fee for the initial redesign of the USC 2017, 2022, and 2024 Women's Basketball National Champions special license plate. Further, if a motorcycle plate is requested for the redesigned plate, DMV will charge an initial \$6,800 fee pursuant to Section 56-3-8100, which specifies that the individual or organization seeking issuance of the plate will be responsible for payment of the fee. It is unclear as to who will be responsible for payment of the \$350 redesign fee.

Section 9

This section authorizes DMV to issue Autistic and Neurodivergent special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles who are autistic or neurodivergent or who are parents of children who are autistic or neurodivergent. The application for this special plate must include a certificate from a licensed physician that verifies that the applicant or his child is autistic or neurodivergent. This special plate is subject to the regular biennial motor vehicle registration fee. The amount of the registration fee varies by age and handicap status of the individual registrant, type and weight of vehicle, and designation of private-passenger or property-carrying.

DMV indicates that if this special license plate is exempt from the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100, the agency will be responsible for the cost of producing each new license plate. The agency indicates that it can manage the cost of production within its existing appropriations. Additionally, DMV indicates that the agency has a process in place to accept the required certificate from a licensed physician, and the modification of forms can be managed within the normal course of agency business. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to DMV.

Section 10

This section authorizes DMV to issue South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation special license plates. This special plate is subject to the regular biennial motor vehicle registration fee. The amount of the registration fee varies by age and handicap status of the individual registrant, type and weight of vehicle, and designation of private-passenger or property-carrying. The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of the fees for the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate to bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate. The biennial fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56 plus an additional fee of \$25. The \$25 fee must be distributed to the South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation.

DMV indicates that since the production and distribution of this plate follows the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, and the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate must bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate, this section of the bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

Section 11

This section authorizes DMV to issue special license plates reflective of a valorous award for private passenger vehicles and motorcycles to active or prior service members who have received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. These plates are exempt from the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100. Please note that Section 56-3-14910(B) currently exempts the license plates for awards in 56-3-14910(A) from the regular motor vehicle registration fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of Title 56.

DMV indicates that since this special license plate is exempt from the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100(A), the agency will be responsible for the cost of producing each new license plate. The agency indicates that it can manage the cost of production within its existing appropriations.

Section 12

This bill specifies that, upon the death of a member of the National Guard, a surviving spouse may apply to DMV for a National Guard license plate or may apply to transfer a license plate previously issued to a member of the National Guard.

DMV anticipates that this section of the bill will have no expenditure impact to the agency as any changes can be managed within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

Section 2

This section authorizes DMV to issue Hearing Impaired special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles who are hearing impaired. Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. The bill does not specify whether this special plate is subject to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100 for the \$6,800 application fee. However, if this plate is subject to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, the \$6,800 fee will be credited to the State Highway Fund of DOT.

It is unknown how many drivers will apply for a Hearing Impaired special license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB will depend on the number of plates requested. However, Other Funds of DOT will increase by at least \$13,600 assuming a plate is requested for both private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles.

Section 3

This section authorizes DMV to issue South Carolina Equine Industry special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. Pursuant to Section 56-3-8100(B), the \$6,800 fee is credited to the State Highway Fund of DOT. Additionally, of the \$30 additional biennial registration fee, the amount equal to the cost of the production and distribution of the license plates is deposited into the State Highway Fund of DOT. DMV indicates that it costs \$10.82 to produce and distribute a special license plate initially. The remaining \$19.18 of the \$30 fee will be distributed to the Department of Agriculture. Every two years after the initial production and distribution, the cost to produce a distribute a special license plate is \$4.77, and the remaining will be distributed to the Department of Agriculture.

It is unknown how many drivers will apply for a South Carolina Equine Industry special license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB, and Other Funds revenue of the Department of Agriculture will depend on the number of plates requested. However, Other Funds of DOT will increase by at least \$13,600 assuming a plate is requested for both private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles.

Section 4

This section authorizes DMV to issue Native American special license plates to owners of motorcycles. Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. Pursuant to Section 56-3-8100(B), the \$6,800 fee is credited to the State Highway Fund of DOT. Additionally, of the \$30 additional biennial registration fee, the amount equal to the cost of the production and distribution of the license plates is deposited into the State Highway Fund of DOT. DMV indicates that it costs \$10.82 to produce and distribute a special license plate initially. The remaining \$19.18 of the \$30 fee will be distributed to the Native American Prison Program of South Carolina. Every two years after the initial production and distribution, the cost to produce a distribute a special license plate is \$4.77, and the remaining will be distributed to the Native American Prison Program of South Carolina.

It is unknown how many drivers will apply for a Native American motorcycle special license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB will depend on the number of plates requested. However, Other Funds of DOT will increase by at least \$6,800 for the application fee.

Section 5

This section authorizes DMV to issue Catawba Nation special license plates. The fee for each Catawba Nation license plate is \$40 plus the regular biennial registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. The amount of the registration fee varies by age and handicap status of the individual registrant, type and weight of vehicle, and designation of private-passenger or property-carrying. This special plate is exempt from the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100(A). Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910.

It is unknown how many drivers will apply for a Catawba Nation special license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB will depend on the number of plates requested.

Section 6

This section authorizes DMV to issue Cherokee Indian Nation special license plates to owners of private passenger vehicles and motorcycles. Only members of the Cherokee Indian Nation are eligible to receive this special license plate. A member of the Cherokee Indian Nation applying for the special license plate must provide an official document from the Cherokee Indian Nation verifying membership. The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of the fees for the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate to bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate. The biennial fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56 plus an additional fee of \$30. Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910.

It is unknown how many drivers will apply for a Cherokee Indian Nation special license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB will depend on the number of plates requested. However, Other Funds of DOT will increase by at least \$13,600 for the application fee pursuant to Section 56-3-8100. Further, since the allocation of the additional \$30 fee is not specified, the funds will be allocated to the General Fund. Any increase in General Fund revenue will also depend on the number of plates requested.

Section 7

This section authorizes DMV to issue South Carolina Beekeepers Association special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. Pursuant to Section 56-3-8100(B), the \$6,800 fee is credited to the State Highway Fund of DOT. Additionally, of the \$40 additional biennial registration fee, the amount equal to the cost of the production and distribution of the license plates is deposited into the State Highway Fund of DOT. DMV indicates that it costs \$10.82 to produce and distribute a special license plate initially. The remaining \$29.18 of the \$40 fee will be distributed to the Native American Prison Program of South Carolina. Every two years after the initial production and distribution, the cost to produce and distribute a special license plate is \$4.77, and the remaining will be distributed to the South Carolina Beekeepers Association.

It is unknown how many drivers will apply for a South Carolina Beekeepers Association motor vehicle or motorcycle special license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB will depend on the number of plates requested. However, Other Funds of DOT will increase by at least \$13,600 for the application fee pursuant to Section 56-3-8100.

Section 8

This section of the bill allows DMV to collect the regular registration fee pursuant to Article 5, Chapter 3, of Title 56, plus an additional \$70 fee for the issuance of the USC 2017, 2022, and 2024 Women's Basketball National Champions special license plate. Of the additional \$70 fee, the amount equal to the cost of the production and distribution of the license plates is deposited into the State Highway Fund, which are Other Funds of DOT. DMV estimates that it costs approximately \$10.82 to produce and distribute a special license plate initially. The remaining \$59.18 of the \$70 fee will be distributed to the fund established for USC pursuant to Section 56-3-3710(B) to be used for the purposes provided in that section. Every two years after the initial production and distribution, the cost to produce and distribute a special license plate will be \$4.77, and the remaining \$65.23 will be distributed to the USC fund. Further, pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. The remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. However, since this is a redesigned plate, it is unknown how many individuals may request the plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB will depend on the number of plates requested.

Further, the \$6,800 fee pursuant to Section 56-3-8100 received for the production and distribution of the motorcycle special license plate will be distributed to the State Highway Fund, which are Other Funds of DOT. Additionally, the \$350 fee for the redesign of the private passenger motor vehicle license plate will be distributed to the State Highway Fund. Therefore, assuming that a special plate is requested for motorcycles, Other Funds revenue of DOT will increase by at least \$7,150.

Section 9

This section authorizes DMV to issue Autistic and Neurodivergent special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles who are autistic or neurodivergent or who are parents of children who are autistic or neurodivergent. This special plate is subject to the regular biennial motor vehicle registration fee. The amount of the registration fee varies by age and handicap status of the individual registrant, type and weight of vehicle, and designation of private-passenger or property-carrying. Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Additionally, pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910.

It is unknown how many drivers will request the Autistic and Neurodivergent special license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB will depend on the number of plates requested. Also, the bill does not specify if this special plate is subject to the provisions of the \$6,800 application fee

pursuant to Section 56-3-8100. If this special plate is subject to the \$6,800 fee, the funds will be allocated to the State Highway Fund, which are Other Funds of DOT.

Section 10

This section authorizes DMV to issue South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation special license plate. This special plate is subject to the regular biennial motor vehicle registration fee. The amount of the registration fee varies by age and handicap status of the individual registrant, type and weight of vehicle, and designation of private-passenger or property-carrying. The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of the fees for the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking issuance of each special license plate to bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate. The biennial fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 3, Title 56 plus an additional fee of \$25. The \$25 fee must be distributed to the South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation. Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Additionally, pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910.

It is unknown how many drivers will request the Association for Pupil Transportation special license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB is undetermined. However, Other Funds of DOT will increase by at least \$6,800 for the application fee pursuant to Section 56-3-8100, assuming this plate only applies to private passenger vehicles and not motorcycles.

Section 11

This section authorizes DMV to issue special license plates reflective of a valorous award for private passenger vehicles and motorcycles to active or prior service members who have received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. These plates are exempt from the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100. Please note that Section 56-3-14910(B) currently exempts the license plates for awards in 56-3-14910(A) from the regular motor vehicle registration fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of Title 56.

Since this is a new special license plate and there are currently no plates in existence, there will be no revenue impact to Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, or Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB.

Section 12

This section specifies that upon the death of a member of the National Guard, a surviving spouse may apply to DMV for a National Guard license plate or may apply to transfer a license plate previously issued to a member of the National Guard. National Guard-Army, National Guard-Air, and National Guard-Retired license plates are subject to the regular biennial motor vehicle registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. The amount of the registration fee

varies by age and handicap status of the individual registrant, type and weight of vehicle, and designation of private-passenger or property-carrying.

For the transfer of any license plate, DMV reports that the agency charges a \$10 fee, of which \$3 is remitted to the General Fund. It is unknown how many surviving spouses of a National Guard member will apply for or transfer a National Guard license plate. Therefore, the increase in General Fund revenue will depend on the number of plates that will be transferred.

Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Additionally, \$7 of each transfer fee is placed in the State Highway Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Additionally, pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. It is unknown how many surviving spouses of a National Guard member will apply for or transfer a National Guard license plate. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, and Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB will depend on the number of plates requested or transferred. For reference, as of April 30, 2024, there were 3,159 active National Guard licenses plate registrations.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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