

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4000-01  
Bill No.: SB 960  
Subject: Motor Vehicles; Licenses-Motor Vehicle; Veterans.  
Type: Original  
Date: January 28, 2002

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
Highway Funds	(Unknown) to Unknown	(Unknown) to Unknown	(Unknown) to Unknown
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds*</b>	<b>(Unknown) to Unknown</b>	<b>(Unknown) to Unknown</b>	<b>(Unknown) to Unknown</b>

\* Unknown costs and revenue, expected to be less than \$100,000 annually.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
Cities	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Counties	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicle and Drivers Licensing** could not determine the number of God Bless America plates that will be requested. This will have an unknown impact on their agency.

The provisions of this proposal authorize a specialized God Bless America license plate. Each applicant must pay an additional \$10 fee for the plate; however, the way this proposal is worded it indicates that this would be deposited in the World War II Memorial Trust Fund. This proposal will have an impact on revenue; however, because the MVB does not know the number of individuals who will apply for this special plate, the revenue increase cannot be determined.

This will have an unknown revenue increase. Constitutionally an increase in motor vehicle fees would have to be distributed as indicated in Article IV, Section 30(b) and could not be deposited in the World War II Memorial Trust Fund.

To implement this legislation, the Department of Revenue will require additional funds. In the past, the programs included in this legislation have been paid for with highway funds. This year, however, highway funds may not be available for this purpose as a result of legislation enacted by the General Assembly in 2000 that limits the use of highway funds.

If highway funds are not available, then another source of funding must be identified to pay for the cost of implementing this legislation.

Officials from the **Department of Highway and Transportation** were unable to provide an estimate for this proposal. Therefore, they must rely upon the DOR for their response.

Officials from the **Secretary of State's Office** stated this bill creates a personalized "God Bless America" license plate and creates a WWI Memorial Trust Fund to be established by the Department of Revenue. Based on experience with others divisions, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Department could require as many as approximately 12 pages in the Code of State Regulations. For any given rule, roughly one-half again as many pages are published in the Missouri Register as are published in the Code because of cost statements, fiscal notes and notices that are not published in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23.00. The estimated cost of a page in the Code of State Regulations is \$27.00. The actual costs could be more or less than estimated \$738. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded and

withdrawn.

**ASSUMPTION (continued)**

**Oversight** assumes SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial cost, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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**HIGHWAY FUND**

<u>Income-Department of Revenue</u>			
Special license plate fees	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

<u>Cost-Department of Revenue</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON HIGHWAY FUNDS*</b>	<b><u>(Unknown) to Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown) to Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown) to Unknown</u></b>
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\* Unknown costs and revenue, expected to be less than \$100,000 annually.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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<u>Income-Cities</u>			
Special license plate fees	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

<u>Income-Counties</u>			
Special license plate fees	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

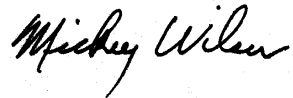
**DESCRIPTION**

This act creates the "God Bless America" license plate. Any person desiring such a plate shall pay \$10 in addition to regular registration fees. The \$10 fee shall be deposited in the WWII Memorial Fund.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Revenue  
    Division of Motor Vehicle and Drivers Licensing  
Department of Highway and Transportation  
Secretary of State's Office  
Budget and Planning

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January 28, 2002