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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6584**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 241**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 22, 1999  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Cross-county vehicle registration.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill permits vehicle registration in any county. It provides that a license plate issued for a passenger car must display a numeral that indicates the county in which the person who has leased or owns the passenger car resides. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Interim Study Committee on Motor Vehicle Issues.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2000.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** For the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), there will be additional expenditures to comply with this proposal. The specific expenditures associated with this proposal will depend upon the implementation method used by the BMV. For example, there will be computer changes to accommodate the cross county registrations. In addition, there will be a cost for temporary (plastic) license plates, along with additional metal plates. Plastic plates cost \$.45 each, while metal plates cost \$2.60 each. Below are two options for the implementation of this proposal:

**Plan A**

The out of county customer would be issued a plastic temporary plate to place on the vehicle. These transactions would need to be updated with a valid plate. The plate would be mailed to the customer by a central program. Below are the estimated costs associated with this approach:

Start Up Costs	Computer Changes	\$ 38,284
	Initial Order of Plastic Plates	\$ 45,000 (100,000 x \$.45)
	Additional Metal Plates	<u>\$260,000</u> (100,000 x \$2.60)
Total Start Up		\$343,284

Annual On-Going	Additional Plastic Plates	\$ 22,500 (50,000 x \$.45)
	Personnel Costs	\$****
	Central Warehouse Cost	\$ 10,000
	Additional Metal Plates	\$130,000 (50,000 x\$2.60)
	Mailing	<u>\$121,000</u> (100,000 x\$1.21)
Total On-going		\$283,500

\*\*\*\*The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. **As of December 3, 1999, the BMV had 101 vacancies.** Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Plan B

The customer would receive a correct county designated plate across the counter at any license branch, if they lived in the district. Anyone living outside the district would receive a plastic plate and receive a metal plate by mail.

Start Up Costs	Computer Changes	\$ 38,284
	Plastic Plates	\$ 22,500 (50,000 x\$.45)
	Additional Metal Plates	<u>\$260,000</u> (100,000 x \$2.60)
Total Start -up costs		\$320,784
Annual On-going Costs	Plastic Plates	\$ 11,250 (25,000 x \$.45)
	Additional Metal Plates	\$130,000 (50,000 x\$2.60)
	Additional Depot Storage	\$12,000 (12 depots x \$1,000)
	Additional Personnel	<u>\$*****</u>
Total annual costs		\$153,250

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**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Jane Morrical, Director of Treasury of the BMV, 232-2822; Vince Harrington, Controller of the BMV, 232-2779; Mary DePrez, Deputy Commissioner of the BMV, 232-2401.