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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7927

BILL NUMBER: HB 1792

DATE PREPARED: Feb 22, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 21, 2001

SUBJECT: Vehicle Plates and Registration.

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FUNDS AFFECTED:

GENERAL
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill authorizes the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to issue a license plate for each commercial vehicle registered to the registered owner of at least 25 commercial vehicles. It authorizes the BMV to issue a certificate of registration that must be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued, if the registered owner of at least 25 commercial vehicles submits the application of registration for the commercial vehicles on an aggregate basis by electronic means. The bill provides that rules adopted prescribing that a license plate is valid for five years may not apply to certain truck license plates. It permits a registered owner of a commercial vehicle who has a loss, destruction, or mutilation of a license plate to report the loss, mutilation, or destruction to a law enforcement agency or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The bill authorizes International Fuel Tax Agreement and International Registration Plan repair and maintenance permits. It defines "commercial vehicle". The bill makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) For the BMV, there will be computer changes. These changes are estimated at \$100,000 if purchased. Also, there will be license plate costs. The new plates are estimated to cost \$2.60 per plate. The total costs for the plates will depend on the number of plates purchased. For example, if 10,000 plates are purchased, the cost would be \$26,000. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

The amendment of 2/21/01 provides that the Department of State Revenue may issue an International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) annual repair and maintenance permit and an International Registration Plan (IRP) repair and maintenance permit. This IFTA permit is in lieu of the motor carrier paying the quarterly Motor Fuel tax. A carrier may not carry cargo or passengers under the IFTA annual repair and maintenance permit. The IRP repair and maintenance permit is in lieu of paying apportioned or temporary IRP fees. A carrier may not carry cargo or passengers under the IRP annual repair and maintenance permit. The purpose of the permits is to allow a carrier to travel from another state into Indiana to repair or maintain any of the carrier's

motor vehicles, semitrailers , or trailers and return to the same state after the repairs or maintenance is completed.

The Department of State Revenue reports that the computer changes required for the new permits are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within their current budget. The fund affected is the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) The fee for the newly issued permits is \$40. The specific impact will depend upon the number of carriers who purchase the newly created IFTA or the IRP permits and how much they otherwise would have paid in quarterly Motor Fuel taxes or temporary or apportioned fees. The funds affected are the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund, into which the revenue from the newly created fee would be deposited, and the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, the State Highway Fund, and the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund, into which the revenue from the quarterly Motor Fuel taxes are deposited.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Department of Revenue.

Local Agencies Affected:

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