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Bill Number:	H. 5024	Introduced on February 1, 2024
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Subject:	National Guard License Plates	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies that, upon the death of a member of the National Guard, a surviving spouse may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles (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 the bill will have no expenditure impact to the agency as any changes can be managed within existing appropriations.

The bill will increase General Fund revenue, Other Funds revenue of the Department of Transportation (DOT), Other Funds revenue of DMV, and Other Funds revenue of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB). However, the amount of the increase is undetermined because the number of National Guard members' surviving spouses who will apply for or transfer a National Guard plate is unknown.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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 the bill will have no expenditure impact to the agency as any changes can be managed within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

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. 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 is undetermined.

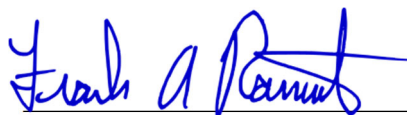
Pursuant to Section 56-3-260, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Additionally, \$7 of each transfer fee is placed in the State Highway Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. Additionally, pursuant to 56-3-1230, \$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 is undetermined. For reference, as of December 1, 2023, there were 3,257 active National Guard licenses plate registrations.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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