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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 1111
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$2,765	\$5,530
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$76,160	\$152,320

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would increase the State’s General Fund by \$2,765 in FY 2016-17 and by \$5,530 in FY 2017-18 and increase revenue allocated to certain county jurisdictions by \$76,160 in FY 2016-17 and by \$152,320 in FY 2017-18. This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

The Department of Revenue. The department indicates that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

The Department of Motor Vehicles. The department indicates that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. This bill would not change the way the department currently issues permits.

State Revenue

This bill requires the annual fee to register a manufacturer license plate be computed by using the average price of the vehicle manufacturer’s fleet times the property tax rates times the average millage for all purposes statewide for the preceding calendar year. This amount is set at \$789 for calendar years 2017 and 2018. This rate reflects an absolute dollar amount increase of \$35 from the current fee of \$754 set in Act 321 of 2014. Registration fees for state residents participating in the employee benefit program remains at \$20 with the remaining \$769 allocated to the county in which the employee assigned the vehicle resides. For those program vehicles registered to nonresident employees, the entire fee of \$789 must be credited to the State’s General Fund.

Multiplying \$35, the increase in the annual fee for 2017, by 158, the number of out-of-state vehicles, results in a revenue increase of \$5,530 for a full fiscal year. Since the annual fee increases in calendar year 2017, the revenue impact for FY 2016-17 is one-half of the revenue impact for FY 2017-18. In future odd-numbered years, the Department of Revenue will determine the annual registration fee, which will be effective for the next two calendar years.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

Registration fees allocated to local governments increase from the current \$734 per year to \$769 per year. Multiplying \$35, the increase in the annual fee for 2017, by 4,352, the number of in-state vehicles, results in a revenue increase of \$152,320 for a full fiscal year. Since the annual fee increases in calendar year 2017, the revenue impact for FY 2016-17 is one-half of the revenue impact for FY 2017-18.



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