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Bill Number:	H. 5244	Introduced on March 7, 2024
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Subject:	Catawba Nation Special License Plate	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue Catawba Nation special license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. DMV will be responsible for the cost of producing each new license plate. The agency indicates that there will be no expenditure impact on Other Funds of DMV since the agency can manage the cost of production within its 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 Catawba Nation special license plates that will be requested is unknown.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Catawba Nation special license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. These special license plates are exempt from the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100(A). Therefore, DMV will be responsible for the cost of producing each new license plate. The agency indicates that it can manage the cost of production within its existing appropriations. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact on Other Funds of DMV.

State Revenue

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Catawba Nation special license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. The fee for each Catawba Nation license plate is \$40 plus the regular biennial 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.

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. 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 drivers will apply for a Catawba Nation special 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.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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