



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** H. 5131    Introduced on February 10, 2026  
**Subject:** Tribal Governments Special License Plates  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Griffith  
**Impact Date:** February 24, 2026

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## Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires permanent license plates to be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to all tribal governments located in the state. The plate that designates a tribal government must include the prefix TG. DMV may issue tribal government license plates six months following approval of their design. The fee associated with obtaining a permanent license plate is \$2.

The expenditure impact of the bill on DMV is pending, contingent upon clarifying information from DMV.

The revenue impact of the bill to DMV and the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB) is pending, contingent upon additional information from DMV.

## Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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#### State Expenditure

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#### Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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