

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1036 - SB 952**

April 3, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the issuance or renewal of the Sons of Confederate Veterans specialty license plates for all motor vehicles and motorcycles.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue –**

**\$59,200/TN Division of the Sons of Confederate Organization**

**\$47,300/Tennessee Arts Commission**

**\$11,800/Highway Fund**

Assumptions:

- The fee for registering a specialty earmarked license plate is \$35.
- There are currently approximately 3,380 registrations with Sons of the Confederate Veterans specialty plate.
- It is estimated that all registrants will decided to obtain a regular registration plate as a result of this legislation, rather than obtaining a different specialty license plate.
- The additional annual revenue from the sale or renewal of this plate due to the additional \$35 fee for a specialty earmarked license plate is \$118,300 (3,380 plates x \$35). There regular registration fees.
- Prohibiting the issuance or renewal of the Sons of Confederate Veterans specialty license plates will result in a recurring decrease in revenue of \$118,300.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-4-307(a), all revenue produced from the sale or renewal of a specialty earmarked plate, after deducting the departmental expense incurred in designing, manufacturing, and marketing the plates is allocated as follows: 50 percent to the nonprofit organization, state agency, or fund earmarked to receive such funds; 40 percent to the Tennessee Arts Commission; and 10 percent to the State Highway Fund.
- The recurring decrease in revenue beginning in FY19-20 will be as follows: \$59,150 (\$118,300 x 50 %) for the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Organization; \$47,320 (\$118,300 x 40%) for the Tennessee Arts Commission; and \$11,830 (\$118,300 x 10%) for the State Highway Fund.
- There will not be a decrease in expenditures as a result of this legislation, as those current and future registrants who purchase or renew a Sons of Confederate Veterans specialty license plate will need to, instead, purchase or renew a standard plate.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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