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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7321

BILL NUMBER: HB 1301

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 29, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Jan 26, 2004

SUBJECT: Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bottorff

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill (1) converts the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission to a permanent commission. (Under current law the Commission expires January 1, 2008.); (2) permits the Commission to establish a nonprofit corporation to carry out the duties of the Commission; (3) requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to design and issue a special group recognition license plate for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial; (4) provides that a person who is eligible to register a vehicle may obtain a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial license plate upon completing an application and paying the appropriate fee; (5) provides for the distribution of fees from the plate to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission.

Effective Date: Upon passage; May 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission:* The 19-member Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission established by this proposal is the successor in interest to all property, rights, contracts, liabilities, obligations, and duties of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission established under P.L. 7-2001.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) shall staff the Commission. Expenses of the Commission must be paid from money transferred to the Commission from the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund. Expenditure levels will be determined by the Commission.

The Commission may do the following:

- (1) Educate Indiana residents and the nation about Indiana's important role in the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- (2) Assist local governments and organizations with planning, preparation, and grant applications for bicentennial events and projects.

- (3) Coordinate state, local, and nonprofit organizations' bicentennial activities occurring in Indiana.
- (4) Act as a point of contact for national bicentennial organizations wishing to distribute information to state and local groups about grant opportunities, meetings, and national events.
- (5) Plan and implement appropriate events to commemorate the bicentennial.
- (6) Seek federal grants and philanthropic support for bicentennial activities.
- (7) Perform other duties necessary to highlight Indiana's role in the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- (8) Recommend the establishment of a nonprofit corporation as authorized by the bill.
- (9) Transfer funds received under IC 9-18-47 and other property to a nonprofit corporation authorized to be established by the bill.

The Commission may recommend the establishment of a nonprofit corporation that is:

- (1) tax exempt; and
 - (2) historically oriented;
- to assist in the duties and purposes of the Commission.

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission License Plate: The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission license plate currently exists, and in CY 2003, 1,131 license plates were sold. The bill will allow a person to purchase the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission license plate at the state license branches. Making the plate easier to purchase may increase sales of the plate.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund:* The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund is established. Expenses of the Fund shall be paid from the Fund. The Fund is administered by the Commissioner of the BMV. The BMV Commissioner is to monthly distribute money in the Fund to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. Money in the Fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund. In CY 2003, 1,131 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission license plates were sold. There is a \$25 fee for this plate which is to be deposited into the newly created Fund. Based on 2003 plate sales, \$28,275 in revenue were raised.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission; Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: BMV Plate sales data for 2003.

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