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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7321**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1301**

**NOTE PREPARED: Feb 20, 2004**

**BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2004**

**SUBJECT:** Lewis and Clark Bicentennial; Riley Children's Foundation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bottorff

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Merritt

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) 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 special group recognition license plates for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and the Riley Children's Foundation Trust; (4) provides that a person who is eligible to register a vehicle may obtain a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial license plate or a Riley Children's Foundation Trust license plate upon completing an application and paying the appropriate fee; (5) provides for the distribution of fees from the plates to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission and the Riley Children's Foundation Trust.

**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.

*Riley Children's Foundation Plate:* This license plate already exists. This proposal creates the Riley Children's Foundation Trust Fund. The bill provides that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall administer the Riley Children's Foundation Trust Fund. Expenses of administering the Fund shall be paid from the Fund.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) *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.

*Riley Children's Foundation Trust Fund:* The bill provides for a \$25 annual fee for the license plate. The Riley Children's Foundation Trust Fund also is established into which the revenue is deposited. Revenue resulting from the \$25 annual fee ranged from \$1,250 to \$2,502,075 for the 54 special plates. Based on the 4,650 Riley Hospital plates sold in CY 2003, the \$25 fee would generate about \$116,250. Money in the Riley Children's Foundation Trust Fund is continuously appropriated. Money in the Fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund. The Riley Children's Foundation license plate will be available after December 31, 2004. On June 30 of each year, the Commissioner of the BMV is to distribute the money in the Trust Fund to the Riley Children's Foundation.

*Revenue from Administrative Fee of \$15:* An administrative fee of \$15 is charged for each of the Riley Children's Foundation license plate and each Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Plate. Revenue from this fee is

distributed as follows: the State License Branch Fund, which supports the license branches, receives \$9; and the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, which supports the BMV, receives \$6.

In 2003, sales of the existing 54 special plates ranged from 50 Food Bank Trust plates to 100,083 Children's Trust plates, with revenue resulting from the existing \$15 administrative fee ranging from a minimum of \$750 to a maximum of \$1,501,245. Sales of the Riley Hospital plate were 4,650 plates, resulting in revenue from the administrative fee of about \$69,750. Sales of Lewis and Clark Bicentennial plates were 1,131, resulting in revenue from the administrative fee of approximately \$16,965.

It should be noted that it is possible that any additional sales of these special plates could, to some extent, supplant the sales of other existing special plates.

**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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