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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6648

BILL NUMBER: SB 403

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Disabled Hoosier Veteran License Plate.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Banks

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for the issuance of a Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate to a person who: (1) has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) as being at least 50% disabled; and (2) receives service-connected compensation from the Department. (Current law provides that the person must be rated 100% disabled.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill decreases the disability rating necessary to receive a Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate from 100% to 50%. As a result, this bill will increase the number of individuals who are eligible for and who may request a Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate.

Currently, the Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate does not have a special group fee or administrative fees. If this bill increases requests for the Disabled Hoosier Veteran plate, license plate sales of other special group license plates where administrative fees are collected may be reduced. As a result, this bill could decrease revenue the BMV receives from administrative fees for specialty license plates; however, any decrease in revenue is indeterminable.

Additional Information: The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) charges \$40 in administrative fees per specialty group license plate. Of the \$40, \$25 is forwarded to a trust fund for the special group and the remaining \$15

is withheld by the BMV. Of the \$15 portion withheld by the BMV, \$5 is used for purposes of administering the special group license plate program, \$9 is deposited in the State License Branch Fund, and \$1 is deposited in the Crossroads 2000 Fund.

For FY 2012, there were approximately 6,100 Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plates issued by the BMV.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill is not expected to have a substantial impact on the workload of local governments with regards to parking enforcement. For more information, see *Explanation of Local Revenues*, below.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Currently individuals who possess a Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate are exempt from paying parking fees and fines (IC 9-18-18-2). By expanding this privilege to individuals who have a 50% disability rating (a reduction from 100%), more individuals would become exempt from parking fees and fines. As a result, local governments could lose additional parking revenue. Actual decreases in revenue are indeterminable.

The bill is not expected to affect revenue to the City of Indianapolis under its parking meter concession agreement.

State Agencies Affected: BMV.

Local Agencies Affected: All.

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