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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 403

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 21, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Disabled Hoosier Veteran License Plate.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Banks

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Lucas

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) 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 with at least a 30% mobility disability rating; 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: (Revised) This bill decreases the disability rating necessary to receive a Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate from 100% to 50% with at least a 30% mobility disability rating. 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.

This bill could also decrease revenue deposited in the State Parks and Reservoirs Fund from annual entrance fees. Actual decreases in revenue are 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.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) currently allows individuals who have a Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate to participate in the Golden Hoosier Passport program (IC 14-19-3-4). This program allows individuals to pay discounted annual entrance permit fees for DNR parks.

The regular annual entrance fee is \$40, whereas the annual entrance fee for Golden Hoosier Passport participants is \$20 (a net decrease of \$20 per each additional Golden Hoosier Passport participant). Revenue received from both fees is deposited in the State Parks and Reservoirs Fund. By increasing the number of individuals who are eligible to receive a Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate, this bill could reduce revenue the State Parks and Reservoirs Fund receives from annual entrance fees. The number of individuals with Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plates who patronize DNR parks and would choose to participate in the Golden Hoosier Passport program is unknown. Therefore, the potential loss of revenue is indeterminable.

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, DNR.

Local Agencies Affected: All.

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