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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Hurt DATE TYPED: 02/14/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Additional Motor Vehicle Registration Fee SB 438
 ANALYST: Gonzales

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
			\$ 3,100.0	Recurring	OSF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02			
	\$3,100.0*		Recurring	Motor Vehicle Division TRD Administrative Fund

*Denotes a full year of expected revenue.

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Taxation and Revenue Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 438 adds a new section to the Motor Vehicle Code (Code) to add \$2.00 dollars per 12-month period to the motor vehicle registration fees for passenger vehicles and trucks with a gross vehicle weight under twenty-six thousand pounds. Additionally, the Code is amended so the additional collections are distributed monthly to the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act and for creating and maintaining a multilanguage noncommercial driver's license testing program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated \$3,100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring revenue to the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department and is appropriated to the TRD administrative fund. This estimation is based on the assumption there would be 1,548.0 cars and light trucks, which was the peak number for FY98.

Continuing Appropriations

This bill allows additional funds to go into the Motor Vehicle Division administrative fund and provides for continuing appropriations. The LFC objects to including continuing appropriation language in the statutory provisions for new or existing funds. Earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to the Taxation and Revenue Department, the additional funds appropriated for the purposes indicated increases financial support for enforcing the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act and multilanguage testing program and would improve administration of New Mexico's transportation system.

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