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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/21/11

SPONSOR Cravens LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE License Plates for Tribes & Local Governments SB 482

ANALYST Lucero

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		Low to Moderate \$25.0 – \$75.0		Low to Moderate \$25.0 – \$75.0	Nonrecurring	TRD-ITD operating budget

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

None received.

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 482 amends Section 66-6-15 NMSA 1978 to allow a tribe, county, or municipality to design and furnish, at its own expense, its own license plate for a vehicle it owns. The plate shall be designed in coordination with, and approved by, the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD).

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Exempt plates issued to tribes and state and local governments are not required to be pay registration fees. This bill would continue that practice; however, instead of a generic government plate, this bill would allow tribes and local entities to design their own license plate.

Although there does not seem to be a study on the proliferation of specialty plates across all states, the Pew Center on the States, identified that South Dakota and New York have redesigned their plates with clarity in mind and other states have considered imposing tight design restrictions and ensure legibility.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Implementation of this bill may have a low to moderate impact to update Motor Vehicle Division information technology (IT) systems to keep track of various plates issued and returned as prescribed in the bill.

**RELATIONSHIP**

Relates to SB 364 “Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Assoc. Plates”

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The current statute and this bill do not provide for leased vehicles to be treated the same as vehicles that are owned by tribes, county, or municipality entities.

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