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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Moore's/Hochman-Vigil ORIGINAL DATE 1/18/19 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Mobility Limitation License Plates SB 206

ANALYST Hawker

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$78.0	\$0.0	\$78.0	Nonrecurring	TRD-MVD Operating

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 245
Relates to HB 248, SB 189

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response Received From
Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 206 amends Section 66-3016 NMSA 1978, license plates for persons with significant mobility limitation, adding a subsection requiring the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) to establish a design element that denotes significant mobility limitation and to issue that design element on another special registration plate if requested by a person who qualifies for both designations. The requestor must meet all requirements for fees and qualifications to obtain the special registration plate, but there is no additional cost for the mobility limitation design.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Typically, the entity for which a special plate type is created bears the cost of design and initial plate order. MVD will take on the costs for the design and production of the existing plate types. However, once SB 206 is enacted, any entity with a special plate authorized will bear the cost of two plates, one for the standard design and a second design with the significant mobility limited design element. The estimated cost is \$78.0 thousand.

Estimated Plate Design Cost	Estimated Initial Order	Estimate Cost Per Design	Estimated # of Plate Types	Estimated Operating Budget Impact
\$100	\$500	\$600	130	\$78,000

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

It is important to note the distinction between a license plate issued to a person with a significant mobility limitation as defined in Section 66-3-16(A) NMSA 1978 and a permanent or temporary parking placard addressed in Section 66-3-16(C) through (H) NMSA 1978. For the purposes of parking in a handicap parking space, a parking placard is required. This is due to the license plate being assigned to a vehicle, which can be operated by a driver who is not mobility limited. The parking placard is assigned to an individual who is mobility limited. The individual can be either the driver or passenger in the vehicle. If a vehicle does not have a handicap placard in its window, even if the plate has a wheelchair symbol on it, law enforcement officers can issue a citation.

DUPLICATION, RELATIONSHIP

HB 245 is a duplicate.

HB 248 makes it unlawful for mobility limitation parking spaces to be blocked.

SB 189 amends Section 66-3-16 NMSA 1978 to provide for individuals with mobility limitation who lease a vehicle to obtain a distinctive registration plate.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The handicapped symbol will take the space of one plate character. Customers will need new plate numbers as it is not possible to keep the current characters and add the mobility impaired symbol.

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