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HOUSE BILL ***1730-FN-A***

AN ACT establishing a public safety enhancement revolving fund, establishing a grant program for body cameras worn by police, and creating prestige number vanity plates.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Welch, Rock. 13; Rep. O'Leary, Hills. 13; Rep. McConnell, Ches. 12; Rep. Opderbecke, Straf. 15; Rep. Burridge, Ches. 16; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a public safety enhancement revolving fund, establishes a grant program for body cameras worn by police, and creates prestige number vanity plates.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Public Safety Enhancement Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (339) the following new subparagraph:

(340) Moneys deposited in the public safety enhancement fund established in RSA 105-D:3.

2 New Section; Public Safety Enhancement Fund. Amend RSA 105-D by inserting after section 2 the following new section:

105-D:3 Public Safety Enhancement Fund.

I. There is hereby established within the office of the state treasurer the public safety enhancement fund. This fund shall be administered by the attorney general and shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department of justice. In addition to money deposited in this fund from the prestige number vanity plates, grants and donations from federal and private sources may be deposited in this fund. As provided for in this chapter, this fund shall be used to pay the costs of local, county, and state use of police body-worn cameras.

II. Law enforcement agencies may apply to the department of justice for grants from the public safety enhancement fund. Such grants shall be utilized to enhance public safety through the use of police worn body cameras. The attorney general shall report 60 days after the close of each fiscal year to the governor and council and to the fiscal committee of the general court a detailed accounting of the grants provided to law enforcement agencies under this section by agency, including the department of safety, for the preceding fiscal year.

III. The attorney general shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

(a) The administration of the public safety enhancement fund.

(b) The grant application procedures and forms to be used by law enforcement agencies.

3 Vanity and Prestige Number Plates. Amend RSA 261:89 to read as follows:

261:89 Vanity ***and Prestige*** Number Plates.

I. The director is hereby authorized to design and to issue, under such rules as the director deems appropriate, vanity number plates to be used on motor vehicles in lieu of other number plates. Such number plates shall be of such design and shall bear such letters or letters and numbers as the director shall prescribe, but there shall be no duplication of identification. Such number plates or a changeable designation of the effective period thereof, as the director shall

determine, shall be issued only upon application therefor and upon payment of a special vanity plate service fee of $40, said special fee to be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee and any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required by law for the particular vehicle. Plates shall be renewed on an annual basis for $40 per set. All special fees collected under this [~~section~~] ***paragraph*** shall be paid to the state treasurer and distributed as provided by RSA 263:52. Upon rejection of an application for vanity number plates, the director shall refund or credit the collected special vanity plate service fee. The director shall recall any vanity number plates that have been issued which do not conform to applicable law and rules, regardless of when the plates were issued. Any person whose application for vanity number plates has been rejected or whose vanity number plates have been recalled shall be issued a number plate of the same classification as the plate that had been requested or recalled. The prorated by month portion of the special vanity plate service fee shall be refunded or credited to the person whose vanity number plates have been recalled.

II. Any number plate, regardless of vehicle or plate type, which bears numbers in 4 digits or less, is a prestige number vanity plate and subject to a special prestige number vanity plate fee of $40, said fee to be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee and other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required by law. All special fees collected for prestige number vanity plates shall be deposited in the public safety enhancement fund established under RSA 105-D:3.

4 New Subparagraph; Fees to be Collected; Special Prestige Number Vanity Plate Fee. Amend RSA 261:141, VII by inserting after subparagraph (f) the following new subparagraph:

(g) For special prestige number vanity plate fee - $40.

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

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HB 1730-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [X] County [X] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
STATE:	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**
Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Expenditures	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Funding Source:	[ ] General [ ] Education [ ] Highway [X] Other - Public Safety Enhancement Fund and Restricted Cost of Collections*			

*Pursuant to Part II, article 6-a of the New Hampshire constitution, any costs associated with the collection and administration of Highway Funds by the Department of Safety shall be deducted by the Department before such funds are credited to the Highway Fund as unrestricted revenue.

COUNTY:

Revenue	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Expenditures	$0	$0	$0	$0

LOCAL:

Revenue	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Expenditures	$0	$0	$0	$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes a new grant program, administered by the Attorney General, for law enforcement agencies to apply in which grants would be used to enhance public safety through the use of police worn body cameras. This bill also establishes a dedicated fund for the grant program, which will be funded by a new revenue source; a $40 "special prestige number vanity plate" fee for all motor vehicle plate type registrations with four digits or fewer. Currently, among all plate types, there are 9,987 registered vehicles which would be subject to the new fee, which would generate $399,480 (9,987 X $40), however it is unknown how many individuals would opt to change plate number to avoid the fee. The Department of Safety estimates required registration system programming changes would cost $316,250 in FY 2019.

The Department of Justice assumes it would need to hire a part time criminal justice specialist (labor grade 24) to administer the grant program at an annual estimated total cost of approximately $40,000. Any revenue received, net of the administration costs, is assumed to be awarded to state, county, and local law enforcement agencies.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety and Department of Justice