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HOUSE BILL ***1539-FN***

AN ACT authorizing official cover plates for former elected officials.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hynes, Hills. 21

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes official cover plates for former elected officials.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Official Cover Plates. Amend RSA 261:90 to read as follows:

261:90 Official Cover Plates. Upon payment of a fee, the director may issue and shall designate official cover plates with the reproduction of the state seal thereon to be affixed to a vehicle of United States senators from this state, representatives to congress from this state, the governor, ***current or former*** members of the governor's council, the president of the senate, ***current or former*** members of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, ***current or former*** members of the house of representatives, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the President of the United States and members of his or her executive staff, any ambassador or member of the foreign diplomatic corps, and members of the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority. The fee for official cover plates shall be $1 in addition to any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required. The official cover plates, exclusive of the seal, shall be white with green lettering, which shall alternate with red lettering every other biennium. Official cover plates shall have the title of the person requesting the plates, except for members of the governor's council whose plates shall have their council district numbers embossed on them, and members of the general court, whose plates shall have their house seat numbers or their senate district numbers embossed on them unless the president of the senate, for members of the senate, or the speaker of the house of representatives, for members of the house of representatives, shall designate a title for their plates. The president of the senate, or a designee, and the speaker of the house of representatives, or a designee, shall provide the director with input as needed on the cover plate design for members of the general court. The director shall not issue more than 2 sets of official cover plates to any person. Official cover plates may be attached only to vehicles registered in the name of the person issued the plates or the name of the spouse of a member of the general court, or any vehicle being operated by a member of the general court. Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the issuance of regular motor vehicle plates and the payment of the registration fee therefor. Official cover plates shall be manufactured at the state prison and the prison shall provide the plates to the department at the prison's cost.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 1539-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] 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 - Reflectorized Plate Fund and Restricted Costs 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.

LOCAL:

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

METHODOLOGY:

This bill allows for official cover plates for both current and former elected officials. This change would result in an indeterminable increase in state expenditures from the reflectorized plate fund relative to required system changes. Additionally, this bill may increase state revenues by an indeterminable amount to the extent former elected officials choose to obtain an official cover plate. Also, pursuant to RSA 235:23, not less than 12 percent of the total motor vehicle fee revenue collected in the previous year is distributed to municipalities as highway block grants. Therefore, this bill would result in an indeterminable increase in state highway fund expenditures and local revenue beginning in FY 2020.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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