

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB168

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Marshall

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** License plates, special; issuance to members of United States Air Force.

**5. Summary:** This bill authorizes the issuance of special license plates with a design that incorporates the emblem of the United States Air Force to active members and certain veterans of the United States Air Force. The bill provides that unremarried surviving spouses of such service members may also be issued such special license plates.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item #8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The authorization and issuance of special plates is normally based on the ability of the plate's sponsors to collect and submit at least 450 prepaid applications. Virginia Code § 46.2-725 also establishes that special plates series must meet a minimum active plate threshold five or more years after the original issuance, for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to remain authorized to issue the series. The prepaid application requirement helps the General Assembly gauge whether a new plate has enough demand to justify issuance. Once that determination is made, the prepaid applications help to offset the costs of development and initial issuance of the plates. For this proposal, there has been no indication that there is a constituent plate sponsor or that the 450 prepaid applications have been collected.

In order to implement the bill, the agency will incur programming costs estimated at \$3,682. The 50 staff hours required can be accomplished during the normal work schedules for DMV employees, given current workloads. Assuming the 450 prepaid applications are received, the special plate revenue will cover the agency's anticipated costs.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.