

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1371 **Patron:** Fowler
Bill Title: Special license plates; QUAIL FOREVER.

Bill Summary: Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of Quail Forever bearing the legend QUAIL FOREVER. The bill exempts such special license plates from requirements related to the minimum number of prepaid applications and the minimum number of active license plates after five years of issuance for special license plates.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: As written, there is some anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) associated with this proposed legislation because it exempts these plates from standard issuance and reissuance requirements for special plates. However, any state fiscal impact that may result from this proposal is expected to be absorbed with existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill waives the requirements in the provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 of the Code of Virginia, which requires a minimum number of prepaid applications for special plates prior to issuance of any plates and a minimum number of active plates after five years. As a result, DMV will experience an indeterminant increase in expenditures to issue these special license plates.

The bill requires an annual \$25 fee for each Virginia QUAIL FOREVER plate in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates. For each \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registrations, \$15 will be paid to the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the Quail Forever Fund established within the Department of Accounts. These funds will be paid annually to Pheasants Forever Inc. The remainder of the fee will help to offset the costs of development and issuance of the plates by the Department of Motor Vehicles.