

FIREFIGHTER & EMT SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 5354 AS INTRODUCED

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SUMMARY

House Bill 5354 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code requiring the Secretary of State to develop and issue a special registration plate with the inscription "FIREFIGHTER" and one with the inscription "EMT", both red with contrasting numbers. Individuals who can provide proof that they are a firefighter or a certified medical technician may apply for these special registration plates. A service fee of \$5.00 along with regular registration tax shall be collected upon application.

Estimates by the Department of State of costs to produce the plates range from \$9.83 per plate to \$15.30 per plate. With the collection of the \$5.00 service fee, the department would lose between \$5 and \$10 on each plate provided. It is also estimated that there would be a one-time programming cost of \$100,000. There are approximately 32,500 Michigan firefighters and 12,000 emergency medical technicians. It is not known how many firefighters and emergency medical technicians would request a specialty plate.

There would be an indeterminate negative fiscal impact to both the state and local units of government by this bill as a result of reduced Michigan Transportation Fund revenue collected by the Department of State.