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**SB17-176**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0874  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Moreno  
Rep. Rankin

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**Bill Status:** Senate Appropriations  
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**BILL TOPIC:** MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE APPROPRIATION

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017 <i>(current year)</i>	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section.		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.			
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing potential expenditure increase.			

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill, **recommended by the Joint Budget Committee**, authorizes the use of the Colorado State Titling and Registration (CSTAR) Account in the Highway Users Tax Fund by the Department of Revenue to purchase license plates, decals, and validating tabs.

**Background**

Under current law, the License Plate Cash Fund in the Department of Revenue is the sole funding source for all license plate and registration product purchases from Colorado Correctional Industries in the Department of Corrections. The direct cost to manufacture these materials is the fee the DOR collects, and also represents the revenue to the fund. As a point of reference, current material costs and fees for license plate and registration-related products are shown in Table 1.

Material	Cost
Single embossed license plate (standard)	\$1.89
Single digital license plate (special)	2.82
Year tab (includes envelope)	0.17
Month tab	0.11
Decal (e.g., for special mobile machinery)	0.25

Currently, 22 military license plates are issued at no cost under state law. In addition, it is a common practice for a county clerk to issue a validating year or month tab free of charge if the vehicle owner makes a complaint that the tab was lost in delivery. The majority of revenue to the fund is collected by county clerks and remitted to the DOR, typically on a quarterly basis. As a result of issuing registration materials without collecting a fee and the delay in revenue remittance to DOR, there are consistent revenue shortages to the License Plate Cash Fund. General Fund is typically sought for legislation that would require creation of new registration materials to cover the delay in receiving the revenue from county clerks offices.

A separate bill, House Bill 17-1107, would change the name of the CSTAR Account to the DRIVES Vehicle Services Account if enacted. DRIVES stands for Driver License, Record, Identification, and Vehicle Enterprise Solution, and is the capital project currently underway that replaces both the state's Driver License System and CSTARs. If this renaming is necessary in the future, it will be handled by the revisor of statutes.

### **State Expenditures**

To the extent that the CSTAR Account is used instead of the License Plate Cash Fund to fund motor vehicle registration-related expenses, expenditures from these accounts will increase and decrease respectively. The Correctional Industries Account, which is an enterprise, will be the end recipient of all revenue, as the state's sole manufacturer of registration-related materials.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Corrections

Joint Budget Committee

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