

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB550

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: O'Quinn

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Special license plates; VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL CONSERVANCY.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of the Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy bearing the legend VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL CONSERVANCY.

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 allows the General Assembly to 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. According to DMV, to date there has been no indication that there is a constituent plate sponsor or that the 450 prepaid applications have been collected.

This bill requires \$15 to be paid annually to the Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy Fund for each \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registration renewal and initial registration fees. The Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy is a nonprofit corporation as defined in § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and thus is eligible to receive shared revenue from sales of this plate. The special plate revenue will cover the agency's anticipated costs.

In order to implement the bill, the agency will incur programming costs estimated at \$8,101. The 110 staff hours required can be accomplished during the normal work schedules for DMV employees, given current workloads. 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.