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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to establishing a prevention of domestic violence  
2 special motor vehicle registration plate and establishing  
3 fees.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF. 173

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 1997, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
4 PLATES.

5 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12, upon written  
6 application to the department, may order special registration  
7 plates with a prevention of domestic violence emblem. The  
8 emblem shall be designed by the department in cooperation with  
9 the Iowa coalition against domestic violence.

10 b. The special prevention of domestic violence fee for  
11 letter number designated prevention of domestic violence  
12 plates is thirty-five dollars. The fee for personalized  
13 prevention of domestic violence plates is twenty-five dollars,  
14 which shall be paid in addition to the special prevention of  
15 domestic violence fee of thirty-five dollars. The annual  
16 special prevention of domestic violence fee is ten dollars for  
17 letter number designated registration plates and is fifteen  
18 dollars for personalized registration plates which shall be  
19 paid in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The  
20 fees collected by the director under this subsection shall be  
21 paid monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the  
22 road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.24, and prior  
23 to the crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under  
24 section 423.24, subsection 1, paragraph "d", the treasurer of  
25 state shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the  
26 attorney general for use in domestic violence programs, the  
27 amount of the special prevention of domestic violence fees  
28 collected in the previous month for the plates.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill establishes a prevention of domestic violence  
31 special motor vehicle registration plate. The bill provides  
32 that the emblem for the plate shall be designed by the state  
33 department of transportation and the coalition against  
34 domestic violence. The bill sets a \$35 special prevention of  
35 domestic violence fee for the plates, which is in addition to

1 the regular vehicle registration fee and the \$25 fee for  
2 personalized plates. The additional renewal fees for the  
3 plates are \$10 for regular plates and \$15 for personalized  
4 plates. Proceeds from the special prevention of domestic  
5 violence fee are to be transferred to the attorney general to  
6 be used for domestic violence programs which previously  
7 received funding through the domestic abuse services income  
8 tax check-off.

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**SENATE FILE 173  
FISCAL NOTE**

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A fiscal note for Senate File 173 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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Senate File 173 allows for the issuance of prevention of domestic violence registration plates. The Bill sets a \$35 special prevention of domestic violence fee which is in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The annual renewal fee for the plates is \$10 for regular plates and \$15 for personalized plates. All fees paid in addition to the regular annual registration fee are transferred to the Attorney General to be used for domestic violence programs.

**ASSUMPTIONS**

1. The revenue generated by SF 173 depends on the number of domestic violence plates sold to the motoring public. This estimate assumes the same number of persons who used the domestic abuse income tax check-off (approximately 11,500 annually) would purchase domestic violence plates in the first year.
2. The cost to the Road Use Tax Fund for the production of a special plate is \$2.70 per pair of plates.
3. The percentage of personalized domestic violence plates issued will be similar to the percentage of personalized Natural Resources plates issued which is 4.0%.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate File 173 will generate an estimated \$414,000 in FY 1998 for domestic violence programs and will cost the Road Use Tax Fund \$31,050 for the production of the license plates.

In FY 1999, the annual renewal fees from the plates issued in FY 1998, will generate approximately \$121,900 for domestic abuse programs. This estimate does not take into consideration the new plate issuances that may occur in FY 1999.

**SOURCE**

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Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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