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2007 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2360

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2360

Senate Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: February 1, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2540 & 2541

Committee Clerk Signature *Jody Hauge*

Minutes:

Senator Lee opened the hearing on SB 2360 relating to nonprofit organization number plates.

The clerk took attendance, there were four committee members present and two absent.

Senator Robinson was unable to introduce the bill but sent written testimony. As a sponsor

he hoped that they could work with the committee, the DOT and the interested parties to reach a workable compromise. He urged a do pass of SB 2360.

Senator Wardner signed onto this bill with Senator Robinson, the present bill reads a one time payment and you have to have 400 plates. They felt that was too much and even the Universities were having trouble getting these numbers. The parties have met and they came up with a compromise and have an amendment to present. Senator Wardner urged the committee to support the amendment and bill.

Senator Lee asked if this would be a decal.

Senator Wardner replied that it would be a decal.

Keith Magnusson, NDDOT said that their department is neutral but that they had been working with Senator Robinson on this bill. Last session there was an organizational plate bill passed with a 400 plate minimum. No organizations have been able to qualify. The biggest problem in ND is probably lack of people. Senator Robinson thought instead of a minimum of

400 applicants it should be changed to a one time payment of one thousand five hundred dollars. Later, he said they talked about a minimum of 50. That is why he brought this amendment before the committee. It is a compromise because the DOT would like to see a 50 plate minimum and \$1500.00 one time fee. The fee will help them get started with purchasing materials. He stated that we needed a minimum because we don't want an organization out there with just a few plates.

Senator Potter asked if what they envisioned was a decal somewhat like we had seen for the veterans' plates.

Mr. Magnussion said that was correct and they may go to a digitized and they would come from the manufacturer with it already on the plate. The plate would be the same size and they would make the decal as large as they can.

Senator Potter asked how many organizations had failed at getting the minimum of 400 plates.

Mr. Magnussion said that they had worked with about a dozen organizations but none had come up with the minimum of 400 plates.

Senator Lee wanted to clarify with Mr. Magnussion that there would be a 50 minimum and each organization would be required to pay the \$1500.00 up front.

Mr. Magnussion said that was correct. He stated that then they could order the materials that they would need. The twenty five dollar renewal fee will stay the same and that is split between the organization and DOT. Mr. Magnussion also added that they would not have to pay the \$1500.00 until they had the fifty plates ordered. The organization will collect the money and the names for the plates. He also said that to be eligible for the plates an organization had to be a 501C3.

Senator Bakke questioned the fiscal note.

Rod Gilmore, ND Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation testified in favor of SB 2360. Their group was unable to reach the minimum of 400. Their members would like the opportunity to be able to get their different plates with the decals at the time they renew their yearly tags. The last process didn't allow for that. They have 4000 members in North Dakota and they feel they will be able to meet the 50 minimum.

Senator Potter asked if the Rocky Mountain Elk Assn. has been successful in other states with a plate program.

Mr. Gilmore said that different states have programs and Montana has been very successful and many of the plates purchased have gone to non members because of the attractive plate.

Senator Bakke asked if they were concerned that the DOT was charging \$1500.00 upfront and it is costing them about \$800.00.

Mr. Gilmore said they were a little concerned about that but they realize this is the upfront cost to the Motor Vehicles Department and this is a compromise. If the committee feels they need to go with a lesser fee, they would have no problem with that.

Paul Myerchin, a volunteer for Ducks Unlimited testified in favor of SB 2360. He has been the person in their organization trying to get the minimum of 400 plates. It has been difficult and this bill will make it easier and he is in support of this bill and the proposed amendment.

Senator Bakke asked again about the cost. She asked if this wasn't asking too much.

Mr. Magnusson said that Senator Robinson put that amount in his bill. Second, there is cost beyond the sheeting for \$800.

Senator Lee closed the hearing on SB 2360. Let the record show that Senator Nething is present.

Senator Lee opened committee work on SB 2360 at 10:46A.M.

Senator Lee said the amendment proposed would change in page 1, line 13, remove the overstrike over "proof of a" and page 1, line 14, remove the overstrike over "minimum of", remove "a one-time payment of one thousand five", overstrike "hundred" and insert immediately thereafter "fifty", and remove the overstrike over "applicants" and insert immediately thereafter "and a one-time payment of one thousand five hundred"

Senator Bakka moved to approve the Bakke amendment.

Senator Fiebiger seconded.

Voice vote was taken. 5-0-1

Senator Potter moved a do pass on SB 2360 and refer to appropriations.

Senator Fiebiber seconded.

SB 2360 passed as amended with a vote of 5-0-1 and will be referred to appropriations.

Senator Bakke will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

02/05/2007

Amendment to: SB 2360

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$12,754		\$7,560
Expenditures				\$9,756		
Appropriations				\$9,756		

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			\$4,656	\$2,834		\$2,760	\$1,680	

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill, as amended, provides for qualifying organizations to pay a one-time fee to have a distinctive license plate developed for sale to its membership

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Currently there are 12 organizations that have expressed interest in a plate series. For purposes of this fiscal analysis, we will assume that each organization will have 50 members that will buy plates under this provision and these organizations will begin participation the first biennium after the bill is passed. At this level of activity, the DOT will acquire the minimum quantity of plate materials for each organization, which will cost us \$813 per participating organization.

In addition to the \$1,500 organization fee, each set of plates sold will generate an additional \$10 of revenue per year in additional licensing fees. This makes the assumption that the participants are not buying a personalized plate.

If an organization has a substantially different level of participation than was assumed for this analysis, or a substantially different number of organizations participate, the fiscal impacts could be substantially different. Thus, the net revenue realized could be considerably less than shown in this analysis, depending on the actual level of participation. However, it is quite likely that the participation from the majority of organizations that have expressed interest will closely resemble the presented scenario.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The revenues generated by this bill will be netted of the related expenditures. The balance will be deposited in the Highway Tax Distribution fund which is distributed to the Highway Fund, the counties, and the cities. The revenue figures shown in parts 1A and 1B above represent the revenue after distribution and have already have been reduced by the related expenditures as calculated in part 3B below.

First Biennium	
Organizational Fee Revenue	\$1,500
Additional license plate fee revenue (\$10 x 50 participants per organization x 2 years in biennium)	1,000
Additional Revenue per participating organization	\$2,500
Estimated Number of organizations Participating	x 12

Estimated First Biennium Revenue	\$30,000
Subsequent Bienniums	
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Net Revenue Allocation

The net revenue generated under this bill (revenues as calculated in section 3A less expenditures as calculated in section 3B) will be deposited into the Highway Tax Distribution Fund and subsequently distributed to the NDDOT, counties, and cities. This distribution of revenue is what is shown as revenues for 2007-2009 in sections 1A and 2B above.

Estimated first biennium gross revenue:	\$30,000
Estimated first biennium costs (From Part 3B)	9,756
Net available for distribution through the Highway Tax Distribution Fund	\$20,244

Distribution to State Highway Fund	\$12,754
Distribution to Counties	4,656
Distribution to Cities	2,834
Total distribution of revenue net of expenses	\$20,244

B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

The expenditures that would be incurred by the NDDOT under this bill would be netted from the related revenues before such revenue was submitted for deposit in the Highway Tax Distribution Fund. Therefore, the expenditures presented in part 1A above have been deducted from the gross revenue in arriving at the net revenue figures presented in sections 1A and 1B.

First Biennium

Material and production cost to produce minimum quantity of plates per participating organization	\$813
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Subsequent Bienniums

Additional costs should be minimal in subsequent bienniums unless a large number of additional organizations chose to participate in this program during a later biennium.

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

The DOT would require an addition to its appropriation for the 2007-2009 biennium in the amount of \$9,756 to cover the additional material and production costs that would be incurred.

Name:	Lorrie Pavlicek	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-2725	Date Prepared:	02/08/2007

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/23/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2360

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Phone Number:	328-2725	Date Prepared:	01/30/2007

Date: 2-1-07
Roll Call Vote #: 5-0-1
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2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2360

Senate Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 70 693, 0201

Action Taken Do ^{as amended} pass/refer to appropriations

Motion Made By Senator Potter Seconded By Senator Fiebiger

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Gary Lee	✓		Senator JoNell Bakke	✓	
V Ch John Andrist			Senator Tom Fiebiger	✓	
Senator Dave Nething	✓		Senator Tracy Potter	✓	

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Bakke

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2360: Transportation Committee (Sen. G. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the Appropriations Committee (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2360 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 13, remove the overstrike over "~~proof of a~~"

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Renumber accordingly

2007 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2360

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2360

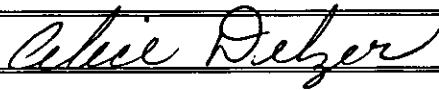
Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 02-12-07

Recorder Job Number: 3400

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2360 on February 12, 2007 related to nonprofit organizations number license plates.

Senator Robinson District 24, Valley city introduced the bill and gave oral testimony in support of the bill.

Chairman Holmberg related some information about the Attorney General receiving misguided information regarding the bill. He also had questions regarding decals and the number of plates issued per organization, a fee up front to establish development of the tag, and asked how many groups have utilized this bill and was informed that no one has successfully sold 400 yet.

Representative Mark Owens, District 18, Grand Forks gave oral testimony in support of SB 2360.

Keith Magnusson, North Dakota Department of Transportation gave oral support of SB 2360.

Senator Robinson moved a DO PASS, **Senator Wardner** seconded. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 absent. The motion carried.

Senator Bakke will carry the bill.

The hearing on SB 2360 closed.

Date: 2/20/07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2360

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken do pass

Motion Made By _____ Seconded By Wardner

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Ray Holmberg, Chrm	✓		Senator Aaron Krauter	✓	
Senator Bill Bowman, V Chrm	✓		Senator Elroy N. Lindaas	✓	
Senator Tony Grindberg, V Chrm	✓		Senator Tim Mathern	✓	
Senator Randel Christmann			Senator Larry J. Robinson	✓	
Senator Tom Fischer	✓		Senator Tom Seymour	✓	
Senator Ralph L. Kilzer	✓		Senator Harvey Tallackson	✓	
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Ballke Transportation Comm

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 12, 2007 4:16 p.m.

Module No: SR-29-2955
Carrier: Bakke
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2360, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed SB 2360 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2360

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2360

House Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: 03-01-2007

Recorder Job Number: 4211

Committee Clerk Signature

Ruby M Thomas

Minutes:

Vice Chairman Ruby opened the hearing on SB 2360. SB 2360 relates to nonprofit organization number plates. Rep. Kelsch and Rep. Weisz were absent.

Sen. Robinson introduced the bill.

Sen. Robinson: Last session we had a similar bill to accomplish what we are trying to do with this bill. If you recall the nonprofit organizations of North Dakota had asked to participate in a nonprofit organization numbered license plate and we approved legislation last session out of the House and as approved by the Senate we've required four hundred and fifty advanced sales on nonprofit license plates. You had to pay and once the organization had that number sold we could kick in the program to gear. I know the large universities attempted to participate in this program for obvious reasons and given their alumni base I believe over one hundred thousand, they were unable to come up with four hundred and fifty presold plates. It did not work. Some of the smaller institutions therefore had even a more serious problem so therein lies the reason for this bill. We have worked with the DOT. This is something that would work for our nonprofits across the state and we feel that we have accomplished that in this bill. As a nonprofit organization, if you are interested in participating, you come up with a one time up front payment of fifteen hundred dollars, and then you need to enlist a minimum of fifty. At that

point, the provisions in SB 2360 will trigger and we will have a nonprofit license plate for your respective organization. We feel there is a compromise here that we can all live with and we would hope that your committee can see fit to approve the bill as proposed.

(Rep. Price left the hearing)

Rep. Delmore: That is really a significant lowering from thirty dollars a plate, what if we have got fifty different organizations that want to do this? Is that going to be a bit of a nightmare for creating plates?

Sen. Robinson: In visiting with the DOT, They are the experts, they feel this is workable. I don't want to put words into their mouths, but that is what we have heard and they were part of putting this proposal together.

Rep. Delmore: Will it have its own plate or decal?

Sen. Robinson: It is a decal.

Rep. Owens spoke in support of the bill.

Rep. Owens: What you are actually looking at if you recall last session when we had a couple of bills that created special tags and that is what created the law to begin with, so we wouldn't keep seeing these bills. This is the natural evolution of this bill because what started was it had a fifteen hundred dollar fee in it originally and over the course of development; we put in a primate for four hundred tags. Now the evolution has come back around to say four hundred is not fees able in this environment and with as many different organizations that would like to have this. Let's go back to the fee but still require at least a minimum. In reference to the bill we heard earlier, those dollars will disappear in two or three years and this will be a positive to the highway distribution fund. Something like twelve or fourteen organizations tried and could not get the four hundred required. It is frankly, in the long run, better for them. Those twenty

five dollars was maintained on paying for all of our different types of bills. This is a volunteer tax.

Sen. Robinson: He is exactly right. I work at a small institution in Valley City and this bill is within our reach. We only have ten thousand alumni. It's not like there are hundreds of people swamping one place, but I think it is going to raise itself.

Keith Magnusson, DOT, spoke neutrally regarding the bill.

Magnusson: This bill is doable for us. The original bill as introduced only had a fifteen hundred dollar up front payment and we asked that there be a minimum of some kind and we think we can do it with fifty because if you don't have a minimum theoretically you could have a 501C3 organization with one person and they could have a plate for one person. I think you need to have an organization that has some support. One of the problems in the institutions we found out is that we don't have a lot of people in North Dakota with a lot of vehicles compared to other states. Again a lot of the bigger supporters, who would buy this, probably live out of state and they can't put them on their vehicles out of state. The fifteen hundred dollars will allow us to buy the sheeting up front because we use a digitized process that Rough Rider will buy sheeting from 3M and it will have sharper logos and we won't have to use the decals for the logos; right now we would print it on the sheet. We have to buy a roll up front and we are basically going to have to buy a one hundred plate roll and that is over eight-hundred dollars. If someone gets more than a hundred then we've got the next size roll of three hundred plates and that is about seventeen hundred dollars. We think we will balance off. We are about a dozen organizations that we worked with. It is a logo to keep the sanctity of our basic plate. So law enforcement knows when they see that plate, where it is from. We are trying to keep the integrity of the plates. FFA plates, which we have issues what you can put in my one hand, the

logo has worked well. There is only so much we can put on a plate without obscuring the numbers and all of that stuff for law enforcement.

Rep. Delmore: There is no fiscal impact then as far as with that?

Magnusson: There won't be any impact. It is not a money maker for us but if we can get the money up front, then we can buy our supplies and we won't have to carry the cost for a roll of sheeting that Rough Rider won't carry. We think it is workable and if enough organizations do it, we may make a little bit of money, but we deal individually with each organization so there is a lot of different stuff, but we are willing to do that.

Rep. Delmore: How sturdy would these decals be?

Magnusson: They are digitized and coated. Yes, they would be.

Rep. Vigesaa: Would somebody with a vanity plate then pay fifty dollars for a logo plate and the personalization?

Magnusson: Yes.

Rep. Vigesaa: Do the organizations keep you posted on the numbers they have?

Magnusson: No, not formally, they have no reason to contact us until they have enough.

Rep. Vigesaa: NDSU only have one hundred and twenty-five, seems low to me. That surprises me. Did you know how many organizations didn't even reach fifty?

Magnusson: I don't know that.

Rep. Dosch: Did you say the veteran's plate that we just talked about, is that just a decal as well or their own plate?

Magnusson: That has a decal on it and we are looking at this digitized process to add to that.

They have branches of service on there and those types of things.

Rep. Delmore: I assume, with the minimum of fifty, you would make those fifty plates. If afterwards seventy-five more people wanted it, that would not be a problem, would it?

Mangusson: No, we would start and if they have fifty we would start with that. If they have seventy-five or whatever, we would get the sheeting and make those plates and if they sold more over an ongoing process we are taking care of that.

Rep. Owens: If they start off with fifty-five and only forty-five are renewed the next year, you already have it in the system then, correct?

Magnusson: If only forty-five are renewed the next year, they have already got their plates, so we don't have to make new ones. We will have a roll of sheeting that has forty-five more on there, so we are fairly short ordered for that. And we can do them on an individual bases too.

Rep. Ruby: Basically you feel comfortable with fifteen hundred as enough to cover your upfront cost and take care of that initial cost and a group that would come up with that would have to have at least fifty and let's say that for two years in a row they have fifty, they basically through the fifteen dollar return to them will have paid for that in two years.

Magnusson: That is correct. It really behooves the organization to keep their membership interested.

Rep. Ruby: It seems if the bill we just heard passes and it reduces the money to the DOT and distribution fund this almost replaces back if the numbers that you expect come in.

Magnusson: It could balance out in the end. None of these are money makers. The veteran's plate, we are probably losing money because it takes up two to three years to get our cost back considering we share with the cities and counties and a lot of them aren't renewing in the second year, so we really are losing money now.

Rod Gilmore, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, spoke in support of the bill.

Gilmore: We support this bill fully. We were one of the organizations that was not able to look at making the four hundred minimum threshold and when I went through and met with my counterparts at Ducks Unlimited and NDSU and looked at the administrative cost and time and

effort that they put in, we decided at that point and time that we would not pursue it. We feel this is workable. Fifteen hundred dollars up front to pay some of the cost is reasonable.

There were no questions from the committee. There was no further testimony in support of this bill. There was no opposition to this bill. The hearing was closed and no action was taken at this time.

Later that day, Chairman Weisz allowed committee discussion on SB 2360.

Rep. Dosch: I'm going to support it and for the one reason that there is that one time payment of fifteen hundred dollars and they are covering their expenses up front and I think that was the difference in the past is we were doing those small groups and it was costing us money. My comfort level is if you are willing to pay the upfront cost to get the program going...

Rep. Weisz: I assume that the Dept. testified that this does cover their cost.

Rep. Ruby: With the additional number of people in the groups that will be able to voluntarily pay this extra money, this fifteen dollars, it will go back into the highway distribution fund that it is basically removes it by the last bill we just passed. It works out to be a wash and will reduce the affects of that.

Rep. Weisz: Was there any indication on how many that may do this?

Rep. Owens: What happened was there was twelve or fourteen organizations that tried with four hundred minimum replacement but they couldn't quite make it. We believe that the fifty and the fifteen hundred that we will have some, primarily universities but there could be other organizations as well. Like the duck people or whatever.

Roll Call Vote: 9 yes. 4 no. 0 absent.

Carrier: Rep. Thorpe

