



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0849.01: Provide for special motorcycle plates promoting motorcycle safety**

Primary Sponsor: **Joshua Seckinger**

Status: **As Introduced**

☐ Included in the Executive Budget

☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

☐ Significant Local Gov Impact

☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts

☐ Technical Concerns

☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$16,787	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$2,667	\$5,334	\$5,334	\$5,334
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$2,222	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445
State Special Revenue (02)	\$8,890	\$17,780	\$17,780	\$17,780
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Revenues	\$2,222	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445
Net Impact	<u>(\$14,565)</u>	<u>\$4,445</u>	<u>\$4,445</u>	<u>\$4,445</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 849 provides for special motorcycle license plates for promoting motorcycle safety and awareness. With passage of HB 849, the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) would be required to design a specialty plate for motorcycle safety and program the Credentialing and Registration System (CARS) for the new plate.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

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1. HB 849 requires the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) to design a specialty plate with a black background that recognizes the efforts on one or more Montana-based non-profit organizations dedicated to motorcycle rider safety and awareness.
2. The MVD would need to have the plate designed for this purpose, the one-time cost for a graphic designer could be approximately \$10,000.
3. The new plate design would be sent to Montana Correctional Enterprises (MCE) for production. The cost of setting up for printing a new plate with MCE would be a one-time fee of \$4,000, plus \$120 for the 3% MVD admin fee, for a total of \$4,120.
4. The new plate would need to be programmed into CARS, if done by an MVD employee programming is estimated at 60 hours to complete.

5. If a customer purchases this plate, there is a \$30.00 fee. Revenue of \$5.00 would go to the county of registration, \$5.00 to the general fund, and the \$20 donation fee to the state special revenue fund.
6. In FY 2024 there were 889 Chrome for Kids plates, a motorcycle specialty plate, issued. Using the amount of Chrome for Kids plates issued for the new specialty plate, it could create annual revenue of up to \$4,445 for the counties, \$4,445 for the general fund, and \$17,780 for the state special revenue fund.
7. The MVD pays \$6.00 to MCE to produce each set of license plates, for an estimated annual cost of \$5,334.
8. HB 849 would go into effect on January 1, 2026, the potential for first year revenues and license plate production costs are adjusted accordingly.

Fiscal Analysis Table

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	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$19,454	\$5,334	\$5,334	\$5,334
TOTAL Expenditures	\$19,454	\$5,334	\$5,334	\$5,334
Funding of Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$16,787	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$2,667	\$5,334	\$5,334	\$5,334
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$19,454	\$5,334	\$5,334	\$5,334
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$2,222	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445
State Special Revenue (02)	\$8,890	\$17,780	\$17,780	\$17,780
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Revenues	\$2,222	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445
TOTAL Revenues	\$13,334	\$26,670	\$26,670	\$26,670
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)				
General Fund (01)	(\$14,565)	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445
State Special Revenue (02)	\$6,223	\$12,446	\$12,446	\$12,446
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Revenues	\$2,222	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures

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1. The county of registration would receive \$5.00 of the \$30.00 fee when a plate is issued. HB 849 would go into effect on January 1, 2026. The potential for first year revenue is \$2,222. across the counties in which the plate were purchased. Starting in FY 2027 the revenue could be \$4,445 annually.



Sponsor's Initials

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Date



Budget Director's Initials

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