



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0849.02 (001): Provide for special motorcycle plates promoting motorcycle safety**

Primary Sponsor: **Joshua Seckinger** Status: **As Amended in House Committee**

☐ 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>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
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
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$2,222	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445
State Special Revenue (02)	\$8,890	\$17,780	\$17,780	\$17,780
Other	\$2,222	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>(\$14,565)</u>	<u>\$4,445</u>	<u>\$4,445</u>	<u>\$4,445</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### Description of fiscal impact

HB 849 provides for special motorcycle license plates for promoting motorcycle safety and awareness and establishes a statutory appropriation for the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). 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

#### Department of Justice (DoJ)

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.

**Department of Transportation (MDT)**

9. MDT will establish criteria for grants to promote awareness and enhance education regarding motorcycle safety.
10. Montana-based nonprofit organizations will be eligible to receive the grant funds.
11. There is established in this bill a statutory appropriation for the MDT to administer this program. It is unknown at this time if any funds will be distributed in the coming biennium.

**Statutory Appropriation**

17-1-508, MCA, requires analysis of the statutory appropriation relative to the guidance in 17-1-508(3), MCA, to be published in the fiscal note. In reviewing and establishing statutory appropriations, the legislature shall consider the following guidelines. Answer yes or no to each of the following guidelines regarding the statutory appropriation:

	Yes	No
a. The money is from a continuing, reliable, and estimable source.		X
b. The use of the appropriation or the expenditure occurrence is predictable and reliable.		X
c. The authority exists elsewhere.		X
d. An alternative appropriation method is available, practical, or effective.		X
e. It appropriates state general fund money for purposes other than paying for emergency services.		X
f. The money is used for general purposes.		X
g. The legislature wishes to review expenditure and appropriation levels each biennium.		X
h. An expenditure cap and sunset date are excluded.		X

**Fiscal Analysis Table****Department of Justice**

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
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**Fiscal Impact****Expenditures**

Operating Expenses	\$19,454	\$5,334	\$5,334	\$5,334
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$19,454</b>	<b>\$5,334</b>	<b>\$5,334</b>	<b>\$5,334</b>

**Funding of Expenditures**

General Fund (01)	\$16,787	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$2,667	\$5,334	\$5,334	\$5,334
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$19,454</b>	<b>\$5,334</b>	<b>\$5,334</b>	<b>\$5,334</b>

**Revenues**

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<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$13,334</b>	<b>\$26,670</b>	<b>\$26,670</b>	<b>\$26,670</b>

**Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)**

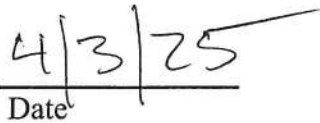
General Fund (01)	(\$14,565)	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445
State Special Revenue (02)	\$6,223	\$12,446	\$12,446	\$12,446
Other	\$2,222	\$4,445	\$4,445	\$4,445

**Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures****Department of Justice**

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.



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