

# FISCAL NOTE

December 20, 2017

<b>Bill No:</b>	HB 1294	<b>Printer's No:</b>	2647	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Ward (R)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

<b>Fund (s)</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Motor License Fund	\$11,297 – One-Time Cost	\$0

**SUMMARY:** This bill would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) permitting special registration plates for motorcycles for recipients of the Purple Heart and the display of illuminated signs for transportation network company (TNC) drivers.

**ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1294 would expand the issuance of special registration plates for Purple Heart recipients to include motorcycles. The bill would also require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue a special registration plate to recipients of the Legion of Merit, upon application and a \$20.00 fee, which would be in addition to the registration fee required by DOT. The special registration plate would only be used on passenger cars or trucks with a registered gross weight of no more than 14,000 pounds.

Additionally, TNC drivers would be permitted to display an illuminated sign provided by a TNC within the interior of his or her vehicle, as long as the sign is approved by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) or the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA). TNCs would be required to file the illuminated sign with the PUC for review and approval. If the PUC does not approve the illuminated sign, the PPA may approve the illuminated sign within their jurisdiction, after the illuminated sign is filed with their office for review and approval. Both entities would have fifteen business days to review the illuminated sign.

The section concerning the special registration plates would be effective 120 days upon passage. The section concerning the illuminated signs would be effective 60 days upon passage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**The Department of Transportation (DOT)**

DOT would incur a one-time cost of \$11,297 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 to update its IT systems and create a specialized design for registration plates for Purple Heart recipients.

<b>Estimated Costs for Special Registration Plates for Purple Heart Recipients</b>	
DOT System Changes	\$10,297
Vehicle Plate Design	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,297</b>

**Public Utility Commission (PUC)**

No fiscal impact would be expected to the PUC.