

The bill as amended specifies requirements for swan egg addling regulations which will minimally increase costs to DEP. Since DEP is in the process of redrafting rejected regulations on the topic of swan egg addling, the additional requirements will only minimally impact the workload. The addling will be handled through existing staff since these duties are incidental to Conservation Officers and Biologists other duties.

In addition, the bill as amended requires the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue Long Island Sound Commemorative number plates. It is anticipated that approximately 45,600 sets of Long Island Sound marker plates could be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (The figure includes the issuance of vanity plates, standard consecutive plates, and 3-number plates). Costs to the Department for the production, design and Other Expenses could range between \$761,520 to \$792,984. Although, the Department has not indicated additional costs, potential additional expenses to cover staffing needs and for the modification of the computer system could be incurred. Costs associated with the promulgation and consultation of regulations can be absorbed within the respective departments' budgetary resources.

Although fees are to be established in regulations, assuming a \$50 fee for consecutive number plates, \$75 for vanity (letter/name) plates and \$95 for 3-digit number plates, a revenue gain of approximately \$2,376,000 can be expected. Since Department of Motor Vehicles' expenses would be reimbursed, a net revenue gain of approximately \$1,583,016 to \$1,614,480 may be anticipated. Should the Department of Motor Vehicles incur the additional expenses mentioned above, the net revenue gain would be reduced by such amount.

The opinion of the bond counsel is that the L.I.S. plate program could conflict with provisions under the Special Tax Obligations Bond covenant.

Lastly, the bill establishes a general registration for boat trailers held by marine dealers. Costs for the issuance of certificates and dealer marker plates are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within the existing budgetary resources and gain to the Special Transportation Fund is anticipated upon marine dealer licenses and from the issuance of marker plates for boat trailers.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Passage of this bill would delay by one year, the minimal increase in costs to towns for the issuance of stamps as well as delay the minimal revenue increase due to the retention of a 50 cent fee. No net impact is anticipated.

House "A" establishes the L.I.S. plate program and provides costs and revenues to a new L.I.S. Fund.

House "B" concerns registration of boat trailers and provides a revenue increase to the Transportation Fund. House "C" concerns permission from landowners for swan egg addling and has no impact while House "D" specifics requirements in the swan egg addling regulations minimally increasing DEP costs. House "E" is technical and has no impact.