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**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB315** by Raymond (Relating to the issuance of "In God We Trust" specialty license plates.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB315, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$11,800 through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	\$5,900
2017	\$5,900
2018	\$5,900
2019	\$5,900
2020	\$5,900

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable Revenue Gain from Counties
2016	\$5,900	\$100
2017	\$5,900	\$100
2018	\$5,900	\$100
2019	\$5,900	\$100
2020	\$5,900	\$100

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates that include the words "In God We Trust." The bill would specify that the fee for the new specialty license plate, after deduction of DMV administrative costs, is to

be deposited to the General Revenue Fund and may only be appropriated to the Texas Veterans Commission. The bill would take effect on January 1, 2016.

### **Methodology**

Based on the information and analysis provided by DMV, this analysis assumes 200 of the new specialty license plates would be issued each year at a fee of \$30 each of which \$7.50 would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund for DMV administrative expenses; \$0.50 would be retained by the counties; and \$22 would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund and may be appropriated to the Texas Veterans Commission. This analysis assumes \$4,400 each year would remain after deduction of DMV and county administrative expenses.

Based on the analysis of DMV, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

### **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts,  
403 Veterans Commission

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