

SENATOR NELSON: Every three years. How do we amend that like to five years, is it a million or a million, two to reissue those new plates? Do you have any idea?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I believe it is right around \$2 million or a million, seven, something like that for plates, and then every, and then the out years, the two years in between, we have to reissue stickers. The statutes were changed because we had the old statutes back and we had bicentennial plates on for about 10 or 12 years, and the policy issue was made by this body that we go to a three year schedule for a couple of reasons, one, that the plates do fade, they do wear out. They need to be replaced because they can become more visible, and that is at the urging of law enforcement people. Secondly, there was some concern about a general lack of participation in the reissue by citizens. When you don't change the plate, it is less easily seen that you haven't reregistered your vehicle properly, and that you see a constant decrease or a constant increase in those that are not properly registered, and so we made the policy decision to go every three years. If you want to change that, it would take statutory language to do that.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you. My conservative constituents say that is absolutely unnecessary we change these plates, you know, this often, so I am just asking the questions, how much and why?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I have heard that as well, although I do understand and have empathy for the policy issues on the other side as...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, did you have also a response?

SENATOR WARNER: If I could, just briefly, Senator Nelson, and Senator Hannibal has pointed it out, but there are significant reductions in the number of vehicles that are annually registered the older the plates get. Now there is some loss to that to the General Fund I mean to highways, cities, counties in the state. The significant loss is property tax collections, and the property tax collections, which all go to local government, as people do not register, you know, somebody makes it up, essentially, property, real property. And so there is a balancing of how long a plate can last, because just the plate, itself, is only a part of the issue. The other side of the issue is other people are picking up the loss of revenue by