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Bill Number: H. 3256 Signed by Governor on May 19, 2017
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Subject: Palmetto Cross Special License Plates
Requestor: House of Representatives
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Impact Date: May 23, 2017

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Undetermined	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	Undetermined	\$0
Other and Federal	Undetermined	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on Other Funds or Federal Funds. The expenditure impact on the General Fund is undetermined. The revenue impact on the General Fund and Other Funds is undetermined. This bill would have no revenue impact on Federal Funds. The revenue and expenditure impact on local governments is minimal.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue Palmetto Cross Medal special license plates. DMV may issue no more than three permanent special motor vehicle license plates to a recipient of the Palmetto Cross Medal. There is no fee for the issuance of up to two license plates. The fee for the third plate is the regular vehicle registration fee plus a special motor vehicle license fee of \$30. DMV is no longer allowed to retain expenses associated with the production and administration of special license plates. The actual increase in expenses of DMV is undetermined because data is unavailable from which to make a projection of how many of the Palmetto Cross Medal special license plates may be requested.

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Powering the Palmetto State special license plates. The fee for the new Powering the Palmetto State plate is the fee for the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3. This bill subjects the Powering the Palmetto State plate to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires an amount equal to the expenses of producing and administering special license plates to be allocated to the State Highway Fund. DMV may

no longer retain these expenses. The actual increase in expenses to DMV is undetermined because data is unavailable from which to make a projection of how many of the plates may be requested.

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Legion of Merit special license plates. This bill subjects the Legion of Merit plate to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires payment of the regular biennial registration fee for the plate. Additionally, the provisions of 56-3-8100 require an amount equal to the expenses of producing and administering the special license plate to be allocated to the State Highway Fund. DMV may no longer retain these expenses. The actual increase in expenses to DMV is undetermined because data is unavailable from which to make a projection of how many of the plates may be requested.

This bill allows DMV to issue Lion's Club special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. Currently this special plate may only be issued to members of the Lion's Club. The fees for this plate are unchanged, and are the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of Title 56 and the special personalized motor vehicle license plate fee of \$30 pursuant to Section 56-3-2020. The regular license fee for this plate must be deposited in the General Fund and the special fee must be allocated to the State Highway Fund of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank pursuant to Section 11-43-167. Although this bill allows all owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles, instead of only Lion's Club members to purchase this special plate, the number of additional plates is undetermined. Therefore, the increase in expenses to DMV is undetermined.

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Virginia Tech special license plates. The fee for the new Virginia Tech plate is set at \$70 biennially, in addition to the regular motor vehicle license plate fee. This bill subjects the Virginia Tech plate to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires an amount equal to the expenses of producing and administering special license plates to be allocated to the State Highway Fund. DMV may no longer retain these expenses. The actual increase in expenses to DMV is undetermined because data is unavailable from which to make a projection of how many of the plates may be requested.

State Revenue

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Palmetto Cross Medal special license plates. DMV may issue no more than three permanent special motor vehicle license plates to a recipient of the Palmetto Cross Medal. There is no fee for the issuance of up to two license plates. The fee for the third plate is the regular vehicle registration fee plus a special motor vehicle license fee of \$30. The application for a Palmetto Cross Medal special license plate must include proof the applicant is a recipient of the Palmetto Cross Medal. The bill also creates a new offense and provides penalties associated with violations associated with the provisions of special license plates. DMV indicates that since this bill does not reference Section 56-3-8100, the \$6,800 that is normally provided upfront to DMV from the organization requesting the special license plate does not apply to this bill. The costs to produce the Palmetto Cross Medal plate are directed to the State Highway fund. Since this is a new plate, Other Funds deposited into the State Highway Fund would increase by the cost of producing the plate. Additionally, the \$30 special vehicle registration fee for the third plate will be allocated to the General Fund. The actual increase in Other Funds revenue to the State Highway Fund and the increase in revenue to the General Fund

is undetermined because data is unavailable from which to make a projection of how many recipients of the Palmetto Cross Medal may request this special license plate. Since this bill creates a new offense, data is not available to estimate the increase in revenue associated with fines for the offense. However, any revenue resulting from the fines associated with the new offense is expected to be minimal.

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Powering the Palmetto State special license plates. The fee for the Powering the Palmetto State plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3. This bill subjects the Powering the Palmetto State plate to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires an organization seeking a special license plate to provide DMV \$6,800, which is directed to the State Highway Fund, before the plate may be issued. Since the organization did not request a fee above the regular registration fee, DMV may collect an additional fee of \$10 pursuant to Section 56-3-8100. The costs to produce the Powering the Palmetto State plate are directed to the State Highway Fund. Any remaining portion of the \$10 fee that is not used to produce and administer the new plate must be credited to the General Fund. Since this is a new plate, Other Funds deposited into the State Highway Fund would increase by \$6,800 plus the cost of producing the plate. The actual increase in General Fund revenue and Other Funds revenue to the State Highway Fund is undetermined because data is unavailable from which to make a projection of how many of the plates may be requested.

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Legion of Merit special license plates. This bill subjects the Legion of Merit plate to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires payment of the regular biennial registration fee. Additionally, the provisions of Section 56-3-8100 require an organization seeking a special license plate to provide DMV \$6,800, which is directed to the State Highway Fund, before the plate may be issued. Since the organization did not request a fee above the regular registration fee, DMV may collect an additional fee of \$10 pursuant to Section 56-3-8100. The costs to produce the Legion of Merit plate are directed to the State Highway Fund. Any remaining portion of the \$10 fee that is not used to produce and administer the new plate must be credited to the General Fund. Since this is a new plate, Other Funds deposited into the State Highway Fund would increase by \$6,800 plus the cost of producing the plate. The actual increase in General Fund revenue and Other Funds revenue to the State Highway Fund is undetermined because data is unavailable from which to make a projection of how many of the plates may be requested.

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Lion's Club special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. The fees for this plate are unchanged, and are the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of Title 56 and the special personalized motor vehicle license plate fee of \$30 pursuant to Section 56-3-2020. The regular license fee for this plate must be deposited in the General Fund and the special fee must be allocated to the State Highway Fund of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank pursuant to Section 11-43-167. Based upon DMV's most recent Active Registration by County-Plate Class-Vehicle Type report, there are currently 138 Lion's International special license plates. Although this bill allows all owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles, instead of only Lion's Club members to purchase this special plate, the number of additional plates is undetermined. Therefore, General Fund revenue, Other Funds revenue of the State Highway Fund, and Other Funds revenue of DMV are undetermined.

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Virginia Tech special license plates. The fee for the new Virginia Tech plate is set at \$70 biennially, in addition to the regular motor vehicle license plate fee. The fees collected in excess of the cost of producing the license plates must be distributed to the South Carolina Palmetto Chapter of Virginia Tech. This bill subjects the Virginia Tech plate to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires an organization seeking a special license plate to provide DMV \$6,800, which is directed to the State Highway Fund, before the plate may be issued. Additionally, the costs to produce the Virginia Tech plate are directed to the State Highway Fund. Since this is a new plate, Other Funds deposited into the State Highway Fund would increase by \$6,800 plus the cost of producing the plate. The actual increase in Other Funds revenue to the State Highway Fund is undetermined because data is unavailable from which to make a projection of how many of the plates may be requested.

Local Expenditure

This bill provides that any person who fraudulently gives false information in any application for a special license plate, conceals a material fact, or otherwise commits a fraud in any application or in the use of any special license plate issued is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the individual must be punished by a fine of no more than \$100 or imprisonment for no more than thirty days. Since this bill creates a new criminal offense, data is not available to project a change in law enforcement activity or detention in local facilities. However, any increase in expenses resulting specifically from this bill is expected to be minimal and would be managed within existing resources.

Local Revenue

This bill provides that any person who fraudulently gives false information in any application for a special license plate, conceals a material fact, or otherwise commits a fraud in any application or in the use of any special license plate issued is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the individual must be punished by a fine of no more than \$100 or imprisonment for no more than thirty days. Since the bill creates a new misdemeanor, data is not available to project an increase in local revenue derived from fines imposed due to violations of the provisions of the bill. However, any increase in revenue is expected to be minimal. Existing law provides for the retention of part or all of the revenue generated from fines, assessments, and surcharges by the local jurisdiction processing the case.



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