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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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| <b>Bill Number:</b>    | H. 3256                               | Introduced on January 10, 2017 |
| <b>Author:</b>         | Jefferson                             |                                |
| <b>Subject:</b>        | Palmetto Cross Special License Plates |                                |
| <b>Requestor:</b>      | House Education and Public Works      |                                |
| <b>RFA Analyst(s):</b> | Wren                                  |                                |
| <b>Impact Date:</b>    | January 30, 2017                      |                                |

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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

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

**Introduced on January 10, 2017**

**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.

**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.

### **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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