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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 23, 2009

**H. 3134**

Introduced by Reps. Bowers and Long

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Read the first time January 13, 2009.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3134) to amend Section 56‑3‑9910, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the issuance of Gold Star Family special license plates, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑9910 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 347 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑9910. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue ‘Gold Star Family’ special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles as defined in Section 56‑3‑630 registered in ~~their~~ the names of members of the immediate family of United States armed forces members killed in action. The fee for this special license plate ~~must be~~ is the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title. ~~and the~~ The special fee required by Section 56‑3‑2020 is waived. The license plates issued pursuant to this section must conform to a design agreed to by the department and the chief executive officer of the South Carolina Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. or other similar organization operating in this State. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the fees collected for the special license plate, the Comptroller General shall place sufficient funds into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Motor Vehicles to defray the expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles in producing and administering the special plate.~~

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the provisions contained in Section 56‑3‑8000(B) and (C) do not apply to the production and distribution of ‘Gold Star Family’ special license plates.

(C) For the purposes of this section, ‘members of the immediate family’ means a person who is a parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a armed forces member killed in action. Each qualifying person is entitle to a limit of two ‘Gold Star Family’ special license plates.”

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

PHILLIP D. OWENS for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Motor Vehicles indicates that there will be a minimal impact on the agency’s other funds which can be absorbed by the department.

*Approved By:*

Harry Bell

Office of State Budget

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑9910, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GOLD STAR FAMILY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR THIS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑9910 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 347 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑9910. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue ‘Gold Star Family’ special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles as defined in Section 56‑3‑630 registered in their names. The fee for this special license plate must be the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title ~~and the~~. The special fee required by Section 56‑3‑2020 is waived. The license plates issued pursuant to this section must conform to a design agreed to by the department and the chief executive officer of the South Carolina Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. or other similar organization operating in this State. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the fees collected for the special license plate, the Comptroller General shall place sufficient funds into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Motor Vehicles to defray the expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles in producing and administering the special plate.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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