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Bill Number: S. 1237 Amended by the Senate on April 7, 2022
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This amended bill allows the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue ‘University of South Carolina (USC) 2017 and 2022 Women’s Basketball National Champions’ special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles (PPMVs) or motorcycles. There is currently a ‘USC 2017 Women’s Basketball National Champions’ license plate being produced for PPMVs, but there is no motorcycle license plate for this plate class. Further, DMV must issue the redesigned ‘2017 and 2022’ license plate to each registrant of the ‘2017 only’ PPMV plate once its ten-year lifecycle has ended.

DMV indicates that its expenditures will increase by approximately \$742 to replace the existing ‘2017 only’ special license plate with the redesigned ‘2017 and 2022’ plate no earlier than FY 2026-27. Additionally, DMV intends to charge a \$350 fee for the initial redesign of the ‘USC 2017 and 2022 Women’s Basketball National Champions’ special license plate. Further, if a motorcycle plate is requested for the redesigned plate, DMV will charge an initial \$6,800 fee pursuant to Section 56-3-8100, which specifies that the individual or organization seeking issuance of the plate will be responsible for payment of the fee. It is unclear as to who will be responsible for the payment of the \$350 redesign fee.

Assuming that a special license plate will be requested for motorcycles, Other Funds revenue of the Department of Transportation (DOT) will increase by at least \$7,150. The remainder of the increase in Other Funds revenue from the \$70 special license plate fee is undetermined because the number of motorcycle and additional PPMV license plates that will be requested is unknown. Therefore, the total increase in revenue to Other Funds of DOT is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by the Senate on April 7, 2022

State Expenditure

This amended bill allows DMV to issue ‘USC 2017 and 2022 Women’s Basketball National Champions’ special license plates to owners of PPMVs or motorcycles. There is currently a ‘USC 2017 Women’s Basketball National Champions’ license plate being produced for PPMVs, but there is no motorcycle license plate for this plate class. Further, DMV must issue the

redesigned '2017 and 2022' license plate to each registrant of the '2017 only' plate once its ten-year lifecycle has ended.

DMV reports that it costs \$7.90 per end-of-life plate replacement, and as of April 1, 2022, there were 94 active registrations of 'USC 2017 Women's Basketball National Champions' license plates. Therefore, the department's expenditures will increase by approximately \$742 no earlier than FY 2026-27 to replace the existing '2017 only' special license plate with the redesigned '2017 and 2022' plate.

Additionally, DMV intends to charge a \$350 fee for the initial redesign of the 'USC 2017 and 2022 Women's Basketball National Champions' special license plate. Further, if a motorcycle plate is requested for the redesigned plate, DMV will charge an initial \$6,800 fee pursuant to Section 56-3-8100, which specifies that the individual or organization seeking issuance of the plate will be responsible for payment of the fee. It is unclear as to who will be responsible for payment of the \$350 redesigning fee.

State Revenue

This bill allows DMV to collect the regular registration fee pursuant to Article 5, Chapter 3, of Title 56, plus an additional \$70 fee. Of that additional \$70 fee, the amount equal to the cost of the production and distribution of the license plates is deposited into the State Highway Fund, which are Other Funds of DOT. DMV estimates that it costs approximately \$10.82 to produce and distribute a special license plate initially. The remaining \$59.18 of the \$70 fee will be distributed to the fund established for USC pursuant to Section 56-3-3710(B) to be used for the purposes provided in that section. Every two years after the initial production and distribution, the cost to produce and distribute a special license plate will be \$4.77, and the remaining \$65.23 will be distributed to the USC fund. Since this is a redesigned special license plate, it is unknown how many additional plates will be requested, and therefore, the amount of revenue generated from the fee is undetermined.

The funds received for the production and distribution of the motorcycle special license plate will be distributed to the State Highway Fund. Additionally, the \$350 fee for the redesign of the PPMV license plate will be distributed to the State Highway Fund. Therefore, assuming that a special plate is requested for motorcycles, Other Funds revenue of DOT will increase by at least \$7,150.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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