COMMITTEE REPORT

February 11, 2021

**H. 3501**

Introduced by Reps. Collins and V.S. Moss

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Read the first time January 12, 2021.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3501) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 147 to Chapter 3, Title 56 so as to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles, 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. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 147

Two Hundred Fifty Year Anniversary Revolutionary War

Special Commemorative Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑14710. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue special commemorative motor vehicle license plates commemorating the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution to owners of private passenger carrying motor vehicles or motorcycles registered in their names. The biennial fee for this commemorative license plate is the same as the fee provided in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title.

(B) The South Carolina Revolutionary War Sestercentennial Commission shall submit to the department for approval the design, emblem, seal, logo, or other symbols it desires to be used for this special license plate.

(C) This special license plate is exempt from the provisions contained in Section 56‑3‑8100.

(D) The production of this special license plate will cease January 1, 2033.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2022. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

MERITA A. ALLISON for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill authorizes owners of private passenger motor vehicles (PPMVs) and motorcycles to obtain special commemorative license plates commemorating the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution. These special license plates are exempt from the $6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100(A). Therefore, DMV will be responsible for the cost of producing each new license plate. Since the number of each license plate that will be requested is unknown, the total expenditure impact on other funds of DMV is undetermined.

Additionally, the department reports that under its current contract, it costs $800 to start up a new plate class. Therefore, other funds expenditures of DMV will increase by at least $800 in FY 2021-22, but the total expenditure impact on other funds of DMV is undetermined.

**State Revenue**

This bill exempts the new license plates from the biennial registration fee and special plate fee required in Section 56-3-8100(D). These fees are apportioned to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund, the Plate Replacement Fund, the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, and the State Highway Fund. Since the bill exempts the commemorative license plates from these fees, there is no impact on general fund revenue, other funds revenue of DOT, other funds revenue of DMV, or revenue of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

Pursuant to Sections 56-3-8100(D), (F), and (G), a portion of the special license plate fee equal to the expenses of producing and administering special license plates must be directed to the State Highway Fund, which are other funds of DOT. Therefore, there is no impact on other funds revenue of DOT.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 147 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY REVOLUTIONARY WAR COMMEMORATIVE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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

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

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