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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0904	Introduced on February 10, 2026
Subject:	"Quail Forever" Specialty License Plate	
Requestor:	Senate Transportation	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
Impact Date:	April 20, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue "Quail Forever" special license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles.

DMV indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency because DMV is not responsible for the \$6,800 cost of production and distribution of the special license plates required in Section 56-3-8100(B).

This bill will increase Other Funds revenue of the Department of Transportation (DOT), Other Funds revenue of DMV, Other Funds revenue of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB), and Other Funds revenue of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The amount generated will depend on the number of special license plates requested. Fees are distributed in the following manner: pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is credited to the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund (IMTF), which is Other Funds of DOT, and pursuant to Section 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is credited to the Plate Replacement Fund (PRF), which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. Additionally, of the \$70 additional biennial registration fee, the amount equal to the cost of the production and distribution of the license plates is deposited into the State Highway Fund of DOT. DMV indicates that it costs \$5.53 and \$4.42 to produce and distribute a special license plate for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles, respectively. The remaining \$64.47 and \$65.58 of the \$70 fee will be distributed to Other Funds of DNR.

Additionally, the "Quail Forever" special license plate is subject to the provisions of Section 56-3-8100, which requires a \$6,800 application fee. The \$6,800 fee will be credited to the State Highway Fund of DOT.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill authorizes DMV to issue "Quail Forever" special license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. The requirements for production and distribution of the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100, which requires the individual or organization seeking

issuance of each special license plate to bear the \$6,800 cost for the production and distribution of each plate.

DMV indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency because DMV is not responsible for the production and distribution costs for this special license plate.

State Revenue

This bill authorizes DMV to issue “Quail Forever” special license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles. The fee for each “Quail Forever” license plate is \$70 plus the regular biennial registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. The amount of the registration fee varies by age and handicap status of the individual registrant, type and weight of vehicle, and designation of private-passenger or property-carrying.

Pursuant to Section 56-3-620, \$16 of each biennial registration fee is currently credited to the IMTF, which is Other Funds of DOT. Pursuant to 56-3-1230, \$2 of each biennial fee is currently credited to the Plate Replacement Fund (PRF), which is Other Funds of DMV. Further, the remainder of each registration fee is placed into the state highway account of the SCTIB pursuant to Section 56-3-910. Pursuant to Section 56-3-8100(B), the \$6,800 fee is credited to the State Highway Fund of DOT. Additionally, of the \$70 additional biennial registration fee, the amount equal to the cost of the production and distribution of the license plates is deposited into the State Highway Fund of DOT. DMV indicates that it costs \$5.53 and \$4.42 to produce and distribute a special license plate for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles, respectively. The remaining \$64.47 and \$65.58 of the \$70 fee will be distributed to DNR’s Game Protection Fund, which will be used for the South Carolina Bobwhite Initiative. Additionally, the \$6,800 application fee required in Section 56-3-8100(B) will be credited to the SHF.

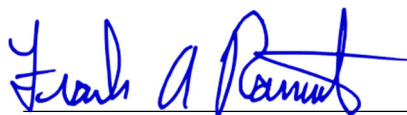
The increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT, Other Funds revenue of DMV, Other Funds revenue of the SCTIB, and Other Funds revenue of DNR will depend upon the number of “Quail Forever” license plates that are requested.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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