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COMMITTEE REPORT

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**H. 4452**

Introduced by Rep. D.C. Moss

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**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4452) to amend Section 56‑3‑2150, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the issuance of special license plates to certain current and, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

PHILLIP D. OWENS for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Motor Vehicles indicates this bill will have a one-time fiscal impact of $5,000 to the agency in IT cost associated with the inclusion of coroners in the computer listing of retired public officials that can receive special license plates.

*Approved By:*

Harry Bell

Office of State Budget

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**REVENUE IMPACT** 1/

This bill is expected to raise earmarked funds of the DMV by $162, and also allocate $528 to Motor Vehicle License revenue within the state general fund in FY 2010-11.

**Explanation**

Currently, active county coroners in this State may purchase one special license plate in this series for a private passenger vehicle owned by them. This bill changes language to allow a coroner to be issued a total of two plates for the regular biennial registration period. A fee of $30 applies to each special plate under Section 56-3-2020. Of that special fee, a production cost of $7.04 is retained by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and the balance of $22.96 goes to the state general fund. Special fees are in addition to regular biennial registration fees under Article 5, Chapter 3 of Title 56 ($20 - $24 for autos, based on age; $30 - $110 for light trucks).

Based on a review of active plate registrations for this series by the DMV, we expect this change to generate sales of twenty-three additional coroner plates in FY 2010-11. Multiplying twenty-three times $30 yields $690 in special fees. Of this overall increase in FY 2010-11, total production costs of $162 would be retained as earmarked funds by DMV and the remaining $528 would go to Motor Vehicle Licenses within the state’s general fund in FY 2010-11.

*Approved By:*

William C. Gillespie

Board of Economic Advisors

1/ This statement meets the requirement of Section 2-7-71 for a state revenue impact by the BEA, or Section 2-7-76 for a local revenue impact or Section 6-1-85(B) for an estimate of the shift in local property tax incidence by the Office of Economic Research.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑2150, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN CURRENT AND FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CORONER MAY BE ISSUED TWO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑2150 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 177 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑2150. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue special motor vehicle license plates to former members of the South Carolina Delegation of the United States Congress, retired judicial officers elected by the General Assembly or confirmed by the United States Senate respectively, members of municipal and county councils, county coroners, and mayors of this State for private passenger motor vehicles owned by them. The department also may issue special motor vehicle license plates to former members of the General Assembly who are eligible to receive retirement benefits under the General Assembly Retirement System for private passenger motor vehicles and vehicles classified as private passenger motor vehicles in Section 56‑3‑630 owned by them. The biennial fee for these special license plates is the same as the fee provided in Section 56‑3‑2020, and only one plate may be issued to former members of the South Carolina Delegation of the United States Congress, retired judicial officers elected by the General Assembly or confirmed by the United States Senate respectively, a councilman, ~~coroner,~~ a mayor, or a member of the General Assembly who is receiving retirement benefits. A coroner may be issued two license plates. ~~The plate~~ These license plates must be issued or revalidated biennially for the regular registration and licensing period.”

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

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