

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #: SB 1522

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

SPONSOR(S): Appropriations

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**COMPANION
BILLS:** None

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

SB 1522 passed the House on May 3, 2013. SB 1522 conforms statutes relating to the Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to the General Appropriations Act for the 2013-14 fiscal year, redirecting a portion of the existing fee, or surcharge, collected on an annual vehicle license registration. This bill shifts \$1.00 of the \$2.00 surcharge currently deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. The fee redirect will provide a recurring revenue source to the DHSMV to offset operational costs of the Office of Motor Carrier Compliance.

The recurring annual revenue impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund is estimated to be negative \$18.4 million with a corresponding positive revenue impact of the same amount to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

The bill was approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013, ch. 2013-49, L.O.F., and will become effective on October 1, 2013.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

The bill redirects \$1.00 of an existing \$2.00 fee charged on annual vehicle registrations, from the State Transportation Trust Fund in the Department of Transportation to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund in the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. This will provide a recurring revenue source to support the Florida Highway Patrol – Office of Motor Carrier Compliance at the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, in lieu of the annual transfer of funds from the Department of Transportation State Transportation Trust Fund.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

The consensus estimate from the April 12, 2013, Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, projects in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 an estimated \$13.2 million reduction to the State Transportation Trust Fund and \$13.2 million increase to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

The recurring annual revenue impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund is estimated to be negative \$18.4 million with a corresponding positive revenue impact of the same amount to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

In Fiscal Year 2013-14, the General Revenue Fund impact is estimated to be a positive \$1.4 million, resulting from the general revenue service charge on the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund of which the State Transportation Trust Fund is exempt.

2. Expenditures:

The General Appropriations Act eliminates recurring budget authority of \$21,021,798, in the FDOT budget which provides for the transfer of revenues to the DHSMV for the Motor Carrier Compliance Program.

See fiscal comments.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The October 1, 2013, implementation date will allow the DHSMV to make necessary programming changes related to fee distributions. The workload can be absorbed within existing resources.