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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION BILL RESEARCH**

BILL #: HB 4637 (PCB CJ 98-34)

RELATING TO: Motor Vehicle Warranty Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Criminal Justice Appropriations

COMPANION BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Motor Vehicle Warranty Trust Fund without modification. The Motor Vehicle Warranty Trust Fund is administered by the Department of Legal Affairs.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 681.117, F.S., provides for collection and distribution of the fee.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The receipts of the Motor Vehicle Warranty Trust Fund are expended for the administration and coordination of the Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board. The 1998-1999 fiscal year appropriation is \$1,993,686.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue is a \$2 charge on the sale or lease of motor vehicles which is collected and enforced by the Department of Revenue. One-fourth of the money received by the Department of Legal Affairs is transferred to the Division of Consumer Service of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to carry out the provisions of lemon law dispute settlement (s. 681.108 and 681.109, F.S.).

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

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C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

N/A

III. FISCAL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

IV. COMMENTS:

N/A

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VI. SIGNATURES:

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