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CHAPTER #: 00-xxx, Laws of Florida

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AS FURTHER REVISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION
FINAL ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1019 (passed as CS/SB 1018)

RELATING TO: POW & MIA Markers/Rest Areas

SPONSOR(S): Representative Morroni and others

TIED BILL(S): None

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

- (1) TRANSPORTATION (EDC) YEAS 9 NAYS 0
 - (2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PRC) YEAS 9 NAYS 0
 - (3) TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS YEAS 10
NAYS 0
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I. SUMMARY:

The bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to fly the POW/MIA flag year round at each rest area along Florida's interstate highways, and to display an appropriate marker or plaque at each interstate rest area to recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who are still unaccounted for. DOT will cooperate with the Department of Veterans' Affairs in implementing the displays.

The bill will have a fiscal impact on DOT that is estimated at a minimum of \$10,800 and a maximum of \$216,000. See "FISCAL COMMENTS" section for details.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Currently, there are no markers honoring POW's and MIA's at the 72 rest areas along Interstate Highways in Florida. DOT in cooperation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs is installing flag poles at all rest areas in order to fly the POW/MIA flag.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill directs DOT to fly the POW/MIA flag year round at each rest area along Florida's interstate highways, and to display an appropriate marker or plaque at each interstate rest area to recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who are still unaccounted for. DOT will cooperate with the Department of Veterans' Affairs in implementing these displays.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

There will be an increase in expenditures depending on the amount of monies DOT spends in placing the POW & MIA markers or plaques. See D. FISCAL COMMENTS, below for details.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

1. Flags: Because DOT has already started implementing the flying of POW/MIA flags at rest areas and has incurred most of the cost of complying with this requirement, this provision of the bill should have little or no fiscal impact.
2. Displays: This provision of the bill will have a fiscal impact on DOT. If signs are used for the required displays, the cost is approximately \$150 per sign. However, if plaques are used each one could cost from approximately \$1500 to \$3000. There are currently 72 rest areas affected by the bill. The estimated cost per sign assumes that standard DOT highway sign material will be used for the markers. Therefore, the fiscal impact on DOT is estimated at a minimum of \$10,800 if markers are used, however if granite or bronze plaques are installed the impact could be up to \$216,000.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

The bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

The bill does not reduce the authority that local governments have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of state tax shared with local governments.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

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B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

The Committee on Transportation considered this bill on March 21, 2000, and adopted one amendment which requires DOT to fly the POW/MIA flag at all interstate rest areas year round. Because DOT has already started implementing the flying of these flags and has incurred most of the cost of complying with this requirement, this amendment should have little or no fiscal impact. The bill was reported favorably with one amendment. This amendment was adopted by the House and subsequently incorporated into the enrolled version of the bill.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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