

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 320.023, F.S., provides a procedure an organization must follow prior to seeking Legislative authorization to establish a voluntary check-off on a motor vehicle registration application. Before the organization is eligible, it must submit to DHSMV at least 90 days before the convening of the Regular Session of the Legislature:

- A request for the particular voluntary contribution being sought, describing it in general terms;
- An application fee of up to \$10,000 to defray DHSMV's costs for reviewing the application and developing the check-off, if authorized; and
- A short and long-term marketing strategy and a financial analysis outlining the anticipated revenues and the planned expenditures of the revenues to be derived from the voluntary contributions.

DHSMV must discontinue the check-off if less than \$25,000 has been contributed by the end of the fifth year, or if less than \$25,000 is contributed during any subsequent 5-year period.

Currently, the motor vehicle registration and registration renewal form contains four voluntary contribution check-offs. They include:

- \$5 for the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund;
- \$1 for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund;
- \$1 for Prevent Blindness Florida; and
- An unspecified amount for Florida Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Inc.

HB 0681 requires the DHSMV to include a check-off for a voluntary \$1.00 contribution to Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. on each motor vehicle registration and renewal form. Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. has completed the statutory requirements authorizing it to seek Legislative enactment of the voluntary contribution check-off. The bill also provides that the funds must be used for the purpose of breeding, raising, and training guide dogs for the blind. Such funds may also be used toward the costs of the required in-residence training for the individual receiving a guide dog.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 320.02 F.S., requiring DHSMV to include on each application for motor vehicle registration or renewal, language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.; provides for use of the funds; exempts such funds from the general revenue service charge.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2005

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

There are no known or expected fiscal impacts on state government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

Programming costs resulting from the development of the application check-off system for the Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., will be absorbed within existing Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle resources. The amount of contributions that may be collected for this organization is unknown.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

There are no known or expected fiscal impacts on local government expenditures.

2. Expenditures:

There are no known or expected fiscal impacts on local government expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

Persons applying for registration or renewal of their vehicle will be permitted to make a \$1 voluntary contribution to benefit Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. The contribution is not mandatory. In addition, the voluntary check-off will generate an indeterminate amount of revenue for Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because this bill does not appear to: require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

No rule-making authority is required to implement the provisions of this bill.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES