

The Florida Senate
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee

BILL: CS/SB 1140

INTRODUCER: Transportation and Economic Development Committee

SUBJECT: Highway Safety

DATE: April 24, 2007 REVISED: _____

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I. Summary:

The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1140 provides that the Department of Highway Safety shall print and distribute the Official Florida Driver License Handbooks without the use of advertisement. The SB 1140 also provides that no governmental agency including secondary public schools would be allowed to distribute any driver handbooks other than those printed by the Department.

The CS for SB 1140 amends s. 322.025, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (Department), pursuant to section 283.58, Florida Statutes, which allows agencies to use private sector advertising to offset the printing cost of publications provided by the agency to the general public, has entered into a 5-year contract with the National Safety Commission following an Invitation To Negotiate (ITN) process. The ITN agreement is for the vendor to print and distribute all of the Official Florida Driver License Handbooks at no cost to the state. There are now three handbooks published in multiple languages provided by the contractor. The three handbooks are for the operator licenses, commercial licenses and the motorcycle endorsement. The handbooks are updated and printed annually each fall for the coming calendar year and reflect any changes made in traffic law by the Legislature during the previous session.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The PCS for SB 1140 exempts the Official Florida Driver Handbooks from the provisions in section 283.58, Florida Statutes, when the Legislature appropriates funds to the Department for the purpose of printing safety education materials which include handbooks. In addition, the PCS for SB 1140 would prohibit the Department from including advertisements in any safety education materials it distributes. Finally, the PCS provides that no governmental agency including secondary public schools would be allowed to distribute any driver handbooks other than those printed by the Department.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Senate Bill 2800 (General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2007-08) appropriates funds from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund for the purpose of printing the Official Florida Driver Handbooks.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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