

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 935 United States Marine Corps License Plate
SPONSOR(S): Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council and Patronis
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** CS/SB 1630

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Infrastructure</u>	<u>6 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Watson</u>	<u>Miller</u>
2) <u>Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council</u>	<u>14 Y, 0 N, As CS</u>	<u>Watson</u>	<u>Tinker</u>
3) <u>Policy & Budget Council</u>	<u>(W/D)</u>		
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5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

CS/HB 935 revises the authorized allocation of the annual use fee collected from the sale and renewal of the Marine Corps license plate. Currently, the first \$50,000 collected annually is deposited into the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, and the remaining money is deposited in the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc. CS/HB 935 would revise current law by directing the first \$50,000 to be distributed to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc. The remaining fees would be distributed as follows: 35% would be deposited in the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, and 65% would be distributed to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Currently, about 38,200 Marine Corps license plates are sold or renewed annually, generating approximately \$573,000 each year. If the same number of plates are sold or renewed next year, the bill will allow for approximately \$183,050 to be deposited in the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, which is \$133,050 more than current law allows.

CS/HB 935 does not create any constitutional issues. It takes effect July 1, 2007.

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 320.08056, F.S., requires the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create specialty license plates that have been approved by the Florida Legislature and to distribute annual fees collected from their sale.

In 1999, the Legislature created the United States Marine Corps specialty license plate and established an annual use fee for the plate at \$15.00. Currently, the first \$50,000 collected annually is deposited into the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, and the remaining money is deposited in the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., to fund scholarships, ROTC, and Young Marine programs.

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C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends s.320.08058(29), F.S., to revise the distribution of the annual use fee collected from the sale and renewal of the license plate.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2007.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

Currently, about 38,200 Marine Corps license plates are sold or renewed annually, generating approximately \$573,000 each year. If the same number of plates are sold or renewed next year, the bill will allow for approximately \$183,050 to be deposited in the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund. This would amount to an additional \$133,050 being deposited into the Trust Fund as compared to what current law allows.

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

Currently, about 38,200 Marine Corps license plates are sold or renewed annually, generating approximately \$573,000 each year. If the same number of plates are sold or renewed next year, CS/HB 935 would provide an additional \$133,050, which would otherwise be distributed to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., to be deposited into the trust fund.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

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

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

No statement submitted.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On April 12, 2007, this bill was considered by the Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council. An amendment was adopted which clarifies how distribution proceeds should be spent. It requires that "all fees" distributed by the department to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation must be spent on scholarships, ROTC, and Young Marine programs.