

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** SB 2530 Motor Vehicle Title Fees

**SPONSOR(S):** Appropriations

**TIED BILLS:**           **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

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**FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:** 106 Y's      0 N's      **GOVERNOR'S ACTION:** Approved

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### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

SB 2530 passed the House on March 14, 2022, as amended by the conference committee.

The bill changes the distribution of \$30 million in fees collected from titling motor vehicles from the General Revenue Fund to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to pay for law enforcement pay raises for the Florida Highway Patrol.

The bill will have a neutral fiscal impact on state revenues as it reduces the amount deposited into the General Revenue Fund by \$30 million and increases revenues in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund by the same amount.

The bill was approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022, ch. 2022-155, L.O.F., and will become effective on July 1, 2022.

## I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

### A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

#### Present Situation

A “certificate of title” is a record that is evidence of ownership of a vehicle.<sup>1</sup> A person must apply for a certificate of title whenever the person purchases a vehicle, mobile home, or vessel; moves to Florida with a vehicle, mobile home, or vessel; or sells, transfers, or otherwise changes the ownership of a vehicle, mobile home, or vessel.<sup>2</sup> A motor vehicle cannot be registered in Florida without the certificate of title.<sup>3</sup>

A person applies to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to obtain a certificate of title, providing the department with the application form, any other necessary documentation such as a certificate of title duly assigned or bill of sale, and the required fee.<sup>4</sup>

The fee for each original certificate of title or duplicate certificate of title for a motor vehicle is \$70, except for certificates for for-hire vehicles which are \$49.<sup>5</sup> Of the \$70 fee collected, \$47 is deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund, to be used for certain purposes.<sup>6</sup> However, deposits to the State Transportation Trust Fund may not exceed \$200 million in any fiscal year. Any collections in excess of that amount are deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

The Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund was created in 1993 to fund the general operations of the DHSMV.<sup>7</sup>

#### Effect of the Bill

The bill amends s. 319.32, F.S., to change the distribution of fees collected from certificates of title for most motor vehicles. The bill continues the requirement that the first \$200 million of revenues collected in a fiscal year be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund. Upon satisfying that requirement, from the amounts remaining, \$30 million shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and the remainder of collections shall continue to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

## II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

#### 1. Revenues:

The bill reduces revenues in the General Revenue Fund by \$30 million and increases revenues in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund by the same amount. This bill does not affect the distribution to the State Transportation Trust Fund nor does it change the payment of the \$70 titling fee.

#### 2. Expenditures:

None.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 319.001(1), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Motor Vehicles, Tags & Titles: General Information*, <https://www.flhsmv.gov/motor-vehicles-tags-titles/liens-and-titles/> (last visited March 11, 2022). See also s. 319.21, F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Section 319.21(4), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Section 319.23, F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Section 319.32(1), F.S.

<sup>6</sup> See s. 339.0801, F.S., for use of certain revenues derived from these title fees from changes made in 2012.

<sup>7</sup> Section 58 of chapter 1993-101, L.O.F.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.