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Bill Number: H. 3593 Introduced on January 15, 2019
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Subject: Air Medal Special License Plates
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Other Fund expenditures by an undetermined amount since DMV is not allowed to retain a portion of the \$20 special license plate fee for producing and administering the license plate, and the number of South Carolina residents who are Air Medal recipients is unknown.

This bill will increase revenues due to the special license plate fees remitted to the State Highway Fund and the General Fund of the Department of Transportation (DOT) by an undetermined amount because the number of South Carolina residents who are Air Medal recipients is unknown.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Air Medal special license plates to owners of private passenger-carrying motor vehicles or motorcycles, registered in their names, who have been awarded the Air Medal. Along with the owner's application for the special license plate, the motor vehicle owner must present DMV with a DD214, or other official documentation that states that the owner received the Air Medal. The fee for this special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56 and a special license plate fee of \$20. The license plates issued pursuant to this bill must contain the words "combat veteran" and an illustration of the Air Medal. The \$6,800 production and issuance fee for this special license plate that is generally available under Sections 56-3-8100(A)(1) and (2) is exempt pursuant to this bill. The expenditure impact on DMV for the cost of producing each license plate is undetermined as information on the number of South Carolina residents who are Air Medal recipients is not available. Therefore, we are unable to determine the number of special license plates that may be issued pursuant to this bill.

State Revenue

This bill authorizes DMV to issue Air Medal special license plates to owners of private passenger-carrying motor vehicles or motorcycles, registered in their names, who have been awarded the Air Medal. The fee for this special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56 and a special license plate fee of \$20.

Pursuant to Sections 56-3-8100(D), (F), and (G), a portion of the \$20 special license plate fee equal to the expenses of producing and administering special license plates must be directed to the State Highway Fund of DOT. Since the bill does not specify an organization to receive the remainder of the \$20 special license plate fee, the remainder will be allocated to the General Fund. Therefore, this bill will increase the special license plate fees remitted to the State Highway Fund and the General Fund by an undetermined amount as information on the number of South Carolina residents who are Air Medal recipients is not available. Therefore, we are unable to determine the number of special license plates that may be issued pursuant to this bill.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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