

Statement of Estimated State Revenue Impact

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Bill Number: H.B. 3631

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Committee Requesting Impact: Senate Transportation Committee

Bill Summary

A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 56-3-115 so as to provide for the issuance of golf cart permits, to regulate the operation of golf carts, and to provide a penalty; and to repeal Section 56-2-105 relating to the issuance of golf cart permits and the operation of golf carts.

REVENUE IMPACT ^{1/}

This bill, as amended, increases revenue of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank by \$43,935 and decreases General Fund revenue by \$43,935 in FY2014-15. The Comptroller General will place a sufficient portion of the golf cart permit fee into a special account of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in FY2014-15.

Explanation of Amendment 3/20/14 (by the Senate Transportation Committee)

This amendment revises Section 56-3-115, which regulates the operation of golf carts. Therefore, we expect no additional impact with this amendment. Based on updated information provided by DMV, \$43,935 was generated from the issuance of golf cart permits in FY2013. This is down from \$62,245 in FY2012. According to Proviso 117.1 of the FY2013-14 Appropriation Act, golf cart permit fees are placed in the State's General Fund revenue account. This bill proposes to move the revenue generated from golf cart permits from the General Fund to the State Highway account of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank. Additionally, this bill proposes that the Comptroller General will place a sufficient portion of the five dollar golf cart permit fee into a special restricted account to be used by DMV to offset the expenses of producing and administering the permits. Assuming the same number of golf permits in FY2014-15, we expect an increase in revenue of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank by \$43,935 and a decline in General Fund revenue by \$43,935 in FY2014-15. Since this bill does not disclose the amount allocated to DMV, the impact on special funds of DMV is indeterminable for FY2014-15.

Explanation of Amendment 4/18/13 (House Education and Public Works Committee)

This amendment revises Section 56-3-115(B) by stating that a portion of the \$5 golf cart permit fee must be placed into a special restricted account to be used by DMV to defray the expenses of producing and administering golf cart permits. As this amendment does not disclose what portion of the fee must be placed in a restricted account, the impact on General Fund revenue, revenue of the State Highway account of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, and restricted funds of DMV is undetermined for FY2013-14.

Explanation of Bill Filed 2/27/13

This bill proposes to add Section 56-3-115 to provide for the issuance of golf cart permits and to regulate the operation of golf carts. Additionally, this bill proposes to repeal Section 56-2-105. Currently, funds derived from golf cart permits are being placed in the State's General Fund revenue account, according to Proviso 89.1. If approved, this bill proposes to move golf

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Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

Based on information obtained from the DMV, there were 12,449 golf cart permits issued in FY2012. Golf cart permit fees are \$5 each, which totals to \$62,245 in golf cart permit fees for FY2012. Assuming the same number of golf cart permits in FY 2013-14, we estimate a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$62,245 and an increase of \$62,245 in revenue of the State Highway account in FY2013-14.

This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.



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¹ This statement meets the requirement of Section 2-7-71 for a state revenue impact by the BEA.