



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 253

Committee: Finance and Taxation General Fund Sponsor: Representative Ritchie Whorton

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House Bill 253 as passed the House of Representatives would increase the annual additional fee for the issuance of distinctive vehicle license plates, from \$1 under current law to \$10, to firefighters, volunteer firefighters and professional firefighters. This bill would also provide for the distribution of these funds as shown below, which would increase estimated receipts to the entities listed by the amounts shown:

Current \$10 Fee Distribution	New Fee \$10 Distribution	Est. Additional Annual Collections from \$9 increase	Recipient
\$0.50	25%	\$72,768	Alabama Joint Fire Council for purpose of expanding and maintaining the Alabama Firefighter Memorial
\$0.50	25%	\$72,768	Alabama Joint Fire Council to be used for expenses associated with the Firefighter Peer Support Program
	25%	\$92,808	Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund Board
	25%	\$92,808	State of Alabama Firefighters Emergency Relief Fund
\$1.00	100%	\$331,152	

This bill would also keep the annual additional fee for retired professional firefighters at \$1, but would revise the current distribution as shown below:

Current \$1 Fee Distribution	New Fee Distribution	Estimated Change in Collection	Recipient
\$0.50	\$0.93	\$2,380	Alabama Joint Fire Council for purpose of expanding and maintaining the Alabama Firefighter Memorial
\$0.50	\$0.00	(\$2,767)	Alabama Joint Fire Council to be used for expenses associated with the Firefighter Peer Support Program