

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 1018

SPONSOR: Transportation Committee and Senator Sullivan

SUBJECT: Rest Areas/POW-MIA Markers

DATE: March 28, 2000 **REVISED:** _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Vickers</u>	<u>Meyer</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
2.	_____	_____	<u>FP</u>	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

This CS directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to fly the POW-MIA flag at each of the rest areas along interstate highways in this state. In addition, DOT is to display an appropriate marker or plaque at each interstate rest area to recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who are missing in action and unaccounted for. The CS provides that DOT will cooperate with the Department of Veterans' Affairs in implementing these displays.

The fiscal impact of the CS has been determined to be in excess of \$10,800.

II. Present Situation:

Currently, there are no markers honoring POW's and MIA's at the 72 rest areas along interstate highways in Florida.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The CS will have a minimum fiscal impact on DOT of \$10,800. This amount is based on the assumption that these markers will cost approximately \$150 each, multiplied by the number of interstate rest areas (72). The estimated cost per sign assumes that standard DOT highway sign material will be used for the markers. The use of other materials (granite or bronze plaques, raised pedestals, etc.) could increase cost up to \$3,000 per rest area, increasing the overall fiscal impact to approximately \$216,000.

Recently, DOT and the Department of Veterans' Affairs entered into an informal agreement to display the POW-MIA flag at each of the 72 interstate rest areas. Veterans' organizations are donating the POW-MIA flags for this purpose.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.