

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

The Florida Sports Foundation, Inc., is the official sports promotion and development organization for the state. The foundation is a private, not-for-profit corporation operating under contract with the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development within the Executive Office of the Governor. The foundation functions as a private entity and is overseen by a 30-member board of directors. The foundation is charged with the promotion and development of professional, amateur, and recreational sports and physical fitness opportunities that produce a thriving Florida sports industry and environment.

The foundation is directed in statute, under s. 288.1229, F.S., to develop a competition known as the Sunshine State Games. Created in 1980, the Sunshine State Games are patterned after the Summer Olympics and encourage participation of Florida athletes ranging in age and skill levels.

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2003-04 reduced General Revenue provided to the Florida Sports Foundation for operations of the foundation and the Sunshine State Games. However, to support the continuation of these activities, the Legislature provided the ability for the foundation to use revenues generated by professional sports license plates for operations of the foundation and financial support of the Sunshine State Games. The Legislature has continued to support this modification in the General Appropriations Act and the appropriations implementing bill each year.

Effect of Proposed Changes

This bill allows the Florida Sports Foundation to permanently use funds generated by the Florida Professional Sports Team License Plates for operations of the foundation and for financial support of the Sunshine State Games as originally directed by the 2003 Florida Legislature.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends s. 320.08058(9)(b)4., F.S, relating to the use of the Florida Professional Sport Team License Plates.

Section 2: Provides that the bill shall take effect July 1, 2008.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

This legislation will allow the Florida Sports Foundation to continue to expend revenues generated by the Florida Professional Sport Team License Plates for operations of the foundation and the support of the Sunshine State Games, without requiring an annual reauthorization in the implementing bill.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditure of funds. This bill does not reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities. This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities have to raise revenue.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES