

House Bill No. 1859

An act relating to the state executive aircraft pool; amending s. 287.161, F.S.; removing limitations on the amount charged for aircraft travel and on the deposit and use of fees collected; removing an expiration date; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 287.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.161 Executive aircraft pool; assignment of aircraft; charge for transportation.—

(1) There is created within the Department of Management Services an executive aircraft pool consisting of state-owned aircraft for the purpose of furnishing executive air travel. Such aircraft shall not be a model in excess of a two-engine jet. Aircraft included in the executive aircraft pool may not be specifically assigned to any department or agency on any basis.

~~(2) The Department of Management Services shall charge all persons receiving transportation from the executive aircraft pool a rate not less than the mileage allowance fixed by the Legislature for the use of privately owned vehicles. However, state employees traveling on a space-available basis may not be charged more than the vehicle mileage allowance.~~

~~(3) Fees collected for persons traveling by aircraft in the executive aircraft pool shall be deposited into the Bureau of Aircraft Trust Fund and shall be expended for fuel, maintenance, or other costs incurred in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to s. 287.16.~~

~~(2)(4) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) and for the 2003-2004 fiscal year only, The Department of Management Services shall charge all persons receiving transportation from the executive aircraft pool a rate not less than the mileage allowance fixed by the Legislature for the use of privately owned vehicles. Fees collected for persons traveling by aircraft in the executive aircraft pool shall be deposited into the Bureau of Aircraft Trust Fund and shall be expended for costs incurred to operate the aircraft management activities of the department. It is the intent of the Legislature that the executive aircraft pool be operated on a full cost recovery basis, less available funds. This subsection expires July 1, 2004.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2004.

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