

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1934

An act relating to state vehicles; amending s. 287.17, F.S.; providing that the term “official state business” shall be construed to permit the use of state vehicles by law enforcement officers for going to and from lunch breaks and incidental stops for personal errands; creating s. 284.311, F.S.; providing reimbursement for certain off-duty use; providing for rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 287.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.17 Limitation on use of motor vehicles and aircraft.—

(3)(a) The term “official state business” may not be construed to permit the use of a motor vehicle or aircraft for commuting purposes, unless special assignment of a motor vehicle is authorized as a prerequisite by the Department of Management Services, required by an employee after normal duty hours to perform duties of the position to which assigned, or authorized for an employee whose home is the official base of operation.

(b) For motor vehicles used by a state employee whose duties are those of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10, the term “official state business” shall be construed to permit the use of the vehicle during normal duty hours to and from lunch or meal breaks and incidental stops for personal errands, but not substantial deviations from official state business, if such use is at the direction of or with the permission of the agency head.

Section 2. Section 284.311, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

284.311 Property damage coverage for state-owned vehicles.—If a state employee whose duties are those of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10, uses the motor vehicle for off-duty work for which he or she must reimburse the state, that reimbursement must include a reimbursement for property damage coverage on the motor vehicle while it is used for the off-duty work. The Division of Risk Management within the Department of Financial Services shall adopt rules assessing the amount of such reimbursement for the actual costs of coverage associated with off-duty coverage and may adopt rules that provide for a deductible in an amount of not more than \$500 per incident when the employee is determined to be at fault in the incident and was using the motor vehicle in approved activities for which he or she was liable to reimburse the state.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved by the Governor May 21, 2004.

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