

SB 236 -- HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE FUND

SPONSOR: Parson (Franklin)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 11 to 4.

Currently, the Highway Patrol's Motor Vehicle, Aircraft, and Watercraft Revolving Fund, which is administered by the Superintendent of the Highway Patrol, includes funds received and used for the purchase of Highway Patrol vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft.

This bill requires the fund to include money received and used for the purchase and maintenance of vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft. In addition, the bill requires the Highway Patrol to receive a specific appropriation from the General Assembly before obligating any funds for the purchase of an individual unit that costs more than \$100,000.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows the Highway Patrol to access the current patrol vehicle fund for maintenance costs on its vehicles. If the fund can be used for the purchase of equipment, it should also be able to be used to maintain the same equipment.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Parson.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the Highway Patrol does not have an issue with seeking a specific appropriation from the General Assembly for the purchase of an individual item that exceeds \$100,000.

Testifying on the bill was State Highway Patrol.