Legal Title
State Motor Vehicle Insurance Account

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 1079, Statutes of 1978
Government Code sections 11290, 16378, and 16379

Purpose
Moneys in this fund are used for the costs of providing insurance coverage on motor vehicles owned by state departments, either through purchasing of such coverage from private insurance carriers, or through a state self-insurance program.

Administrating Agency/Organization Code
Department of General Services/Org 7760

Major Revenue Source
Collections from state agencies for motor vehicle insurance protection.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolition)
Pursuant to Government Code section 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment, shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority
Pursuant to Government Code section 16379, amounts collected by the Department of General Services per Government Code section 11290 (a) shall be deposited in the account and such amounts are continuously appropriated for the purposes set forth in subdivision (a).

State Appropriations Limit
Excluded - Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to provide direct services or products to the payers.

Comments/ Historical Information
A depository of all moneys collected from state departments by the Department of General Services for the cost of either insuring motor vehicles belonging to state departments, or for the investigation, adjustment defense, and payment of claims resulting from the ownership or operation of such motor vehicles, including administrative costs.

The Department of General Services has administered the Motor Vehicle Insurance Program, under prior law, on a reimbursable basis. As the program was previously administered, the moneys collected were initially deposited in an account in the Special Deposit Fund, and General Services purchased insurance from private insurance companies.
Effective July 1, 1977, the department implemented a self-insurance program for liabilities from the ownership or operation of state-owned automobiles. The creation of this account establishes a permanent method of funding such liability coverage through either purchase of insurance or continuation of the current self-insurance program.

Pursuant to the Governor’s Reorganization Plan 2, the Administering Agency’s Organization Code changed from Org 1760 to Org 7760, effective July 1, 2013.