### Legal Title
Motor Carriers Permit Fund

### Legal Citation/ Authority
Chapter 1042, Statutes of 1996
Revenue and Taxation Code section 7236

### Fund Classification

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### and Purpose
This fund is the depository for revenues from the following permit fees imposed on motor carriers of property: 1) safety fee; 2) cargo theft interdiction fee; and 3) uniform business license tax fee. Funds derived from cargo theft interdiction fees are transferred to the Motor Carriers Safety Improvement Fund, and funds derived from uniform business license tax fees are transferred to the General Fund. Funds derived from safety fees remain in the Motor Carriers Permit Fund to cover costs incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of the California Highway Patrol in regulating motor carriers of property.

In addition, Section 55 of Chapter 1042/96 authorized a transfer of $7,300,000 from the Transportation Rate Fund to the Motor Carriers Permit Fund. The amount transferred was appropriated to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of the California Highway Patrol for the implementation of the Motor Carriers Safety Act of 1996.

### Administering Agency/Organization Code
Department of Motor Vehicles/Org 2740

### Major Revenue Source
Permit fees, as specified, imposed on motor carriers of property.

Transfer of $7,300,000 from the Transportation Rate Fund.

### Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Transfers to the Motor Carriers Safety Improvement Fund of moneys derived from cargo theft interdiction fees.

Transfers to the General Fund of moneys derived from uniform business license tax fees.

Costs incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of the California Highway Patrol in regulating motor carriers of property.
The $7,300,000 transferred from the Transportation Rate Fund is appropriated as follows: 1) $4,918,000 to the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide for implementation costs and contractual costs to the Public Utilities Commission, 2) $1,935,000 to the Department of the California Highway Patrol to conduct enforcement activities, and 3) $1,400,000 to the Department of the California Highway Patrol for the Cargo Theft Interdiction Program.

**Appropriation Authority**
Section 7236 of the Revenue and Taxation Code provides that funds derived from safety fees shall remain in the Motor Carriers Permit Fund and shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature.

**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 regulate the activities engaged in by the payers.

**Comments/ Historical Information**
Chapter 805, Statutes of 2002 abolishes the Motor Carriers Permit Fund effective July 1, 2003.