



BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 1069 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Doug Cruce
Committee: State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation

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RATIONALE

According to the Michigan Vehicle Code, the registration plate for a nonhistoric passenger vehicle or truck may be transferred to another passenger vehicle or truck if both vehicles are owned by the same individual or if the vehicle to which the plate is assigned is transferred to an immediate family member. A registration plate for a historic vehicle, however, may not be transferred. Apparently, the prohibition against the transfer was enacted when historic plates were issued as permanent plates that never expired, but rather became invalid upon the sale of the vehicle. Since a five-year registration for historic vehicles was enacted in 1987, some feel that the prohibition is no longer needed. Moreover, they claim that allowing the transfer of historic plates would make it less costly and more convenient for owners of historic vehicles to ensure that their vehicles have plates.

the new owner pays the \$15 fee for a plate or tab. The bill, by allowing the plate or tab to remain valid under a transfer of vehicles, would substitute the transfer fee of \$8 for the current fee of \$15. Therefore, for each transfer of vehicles under this bill, the Department of State would collect \$7 less than what it now collects for this type of transaction. The number of historic vehicle transfers cannot be anticipated.

ARGUMENTS

Supporting Argument

The bill would remove an unnecessary prohibition against the transfer of plates for historic vehicles, thus making it more convenient and less costly for owners of such vehicles to ensure that their vehicles have the proper plates.

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that a historic vehicle registration would be transferrable to another historic vehicle upon the completion of an application for transfer and the payment of the required transfer fee.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Under the bill, the State would lose an indeterminate amount of restricted revenues. The bill would have no fiscal impact on local units of government. Under current law, when a historic vehicle is transferred, the vehicle's plate or tab is no longer valid. This means that

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