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Senate Bill 135 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator John Pappageorge
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Remove the limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop and issue a fund-raising plate recognizing the Michigan Humane Society.
- Create the "Michigan Humane Society Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require money in the Fund to be disbursed on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Humane Society for pet sterilization.
- Require the Michigan Humane Society, beginning by February 1, 2011, to submit to the Department of Treasury a summary of the previous year's expenditures of money from the Fund.

MCL 257.811e et al.

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create a start-up cost to the Department of State. The start-up fee of \$15,000 prescribed in the Code could be paid to the Department of State from the Humane Society Fund proposed in the bill; however, the bill does not include such a requirement. The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate established under the bill would be deposited into the proposed Humane Society Fund, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments from the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Humane Society for pet sterilization.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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