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Senate Bill 903 (Substitute S-1 as passed by the Senate)
Sponsor: Senator Dave Hildenbrand
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to develop and issue a fund-raising plate recognizing Be the Match, and require money raised to be spent for purposes related to bone marrow donation and transplantation.

The Secretary of State would have to develop the plate under Section 811e of the Code and issue it under Section 811f. (Section 811e requires the payment of a \$15,000 start-up fee for a new fund-raising plate and allocates the fee to the Transportation Administration Collection Fund for the cost of creating, producing, and issuing fund-raising plates. Section 811f requires a person to pay a \$25 donation, as well as the regular registration tax, plus a \$10 service fee, when applying for an original fund-raising plate. A \$10 donation, plus the regular registration tax, is required for renewal of a fund-raising plate.)

The bill would create the "Be the Match Fund" in the State Treasury. The State Treasurer could receive money or other assets from any source to be deposited into the Fund. The Treasurer would have to direct the investment of the Fund, and credit to it interest and earnings from investments. On a quarterly basis, the Treasurer would have to pay money in the Fund to Be the Match. Money in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year would remain in the Fund, and would not lapse to the General Fund.

The bill would require money from the Be the Match Fund to be spent on research, technology, patient support, and education regarding bone marrow donation and transplantation, and the testing of new Be the Match registrants.

Proposed MCL 257.811z

BACKGROUND

Be the Match is a nonprofit entity operated by the National Marrow Donor Program, which manages a registry of bone marrow donors and a repository of cell lines and other tissues for use in curing various diseases. Be the Match works to pair potential donors on its registry with those in need of a bone marrow transplant. In addition, Be the Match provides money and services for patients undergoing transplant procedures, as well as medical education and research for diseases that are treatable or curable through bone marrow transplants.¹ Examples of these diseases include the following: various leukemias and

¹ "2013 Report to the Community", National Marrow Donor Program/Be the Match, p. 3, retrieved 9-10-2014 at: <http://bethematch.org/About-Us/Financial-Information/Annual-report/>.

lymphomas, severe aplastic anemia, severe combined immunodeficiency, and sickle cell disease.²

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost to the Department of State would depend on the number of fund-raising plates sold. A start-up fee of \$15,000 is required for any new fund-raising plate. The fee is used to partially offset the cost of creating, producing, and issuing fund-raising plates. The Department of State also receives a \$10 service fee for each plate sold. The \$10 service fee does not apply to renewals. The Secretary of State may cease to issue a fund-raising plate if fewer than 2,000 plates are sold in the first year, and fewer than 500 plates are sold in each subsequent year for five years.

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² "Diseases treatable by transplants", Be the Match, retrieved 9-11-2014 at: <http://bethematch.org/Transplant-Basics/How-transplants-work/Diseases-treatable-by-transplants/>.

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