

Legislative Analysis



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FEE SUNSET EXTENSION

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House Bill 4857 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Miller
Committee: Appropriations
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4857 would amend the Sex Offenders Registration Act (1994 PA 295) by extending the applicability of the fee assessed for annual registration to the sex offender registry. Currently, individuals initially required to register after January 1, 2019, are not required to pay the annual registration fee. The bill would maintain the FY 2018-19 fee amount by extending the date by which initial registration had to occur for a registrant to be responsible for the annual registration fee to January 1, 2023. The fee is currently \$50 annually. A maximum lifetime cumulative fee amount of \$550 is established in the act, which includes an initial \$50 registration and ten \$50 annual registrations.

MCL 28.725a

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would maintain the current level of revenue collected, to the extent that the registering authorities would continue collecting revenue generated by a fee that would otherwise not apply to individuals making their initial required registration. Of each \$50 fee, \$30 is deposited to the Sex Offenders Registration Fund and is used, upon appropriation, by the Department of State Police (MSP) for operating and maintenance costs of the sex offender registry database and the public internet website and for notifications regarding offender registration duties under the act. The remaining \$20 of the \$50 fee is retained by the registering authority (the court, local law enforcement agency, sheriff's department, or state police post). MSP estimates that the resulting revenue loss if the sunset is not extended would total approximately \$500,000 annually from the \$30 portion of the fee. The estimated revenue loss for all registering authorities resulting from the loss of the \$20 portion would total approximately \$330,000.

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