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CALCULATION OF INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

House Bill 4817 as reported from committee Sponsor: Rep. Tenisha Yancey

Committee: Tax Policy Complete to 3-10-22

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4817 would amend the Tobacco Products Tax Act to codify the inflation adjustment applied to the amount collected in taxes on cigarette sales and deposited into the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site Fund.

2014 PA 272 amended the annual distribution of the tax imposed on cigarette sales. Beginning in 2014-15, \$3.0 million of that tax collected had to be deposited in the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site Fund. For subsequent years, the state treasurer was required to adjust that amount to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). In other words, the amount is adjusted upward annually to account for inflation. (2016 PA 309 amended the act to provide that the amount could not be adjusted downward in the event of a negative cumulative annual CPI percent change.)²

The bill specifies that the CPI used to determine the amount deposited is the CPI for the calendar year ending within the fiscal year (as is current practice).

MCL 205.432

FISCAL IMPACT:

Because the bill simply codifies the inflation calculation for the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site Fund transfer, there would be no state or local fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Department of Treasury testified in support of the bill. (5-12-21)

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¹ HFA summary of 2014 PA 272 (SB 678, subsequently amended on the House floor to include a reporting requirement): http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/billanalysis/House/pdf/2013-HLA-0678-F61423F5.pdf

² HFA summary of 2016 PA 309 (SB 956): http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2015-2016/billanalysis/House/pdf/2015-HLA-0956-82E69B42.pdf