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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 841 (as enrolled)  
Sponsor: Senator Philip E. Hoffman  
Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

Date Completed: 3-11-96

### **RATIONALE**

Public Act 36 of 1919 concerns the planting of trees along highways and in public places. Section 3 of this Act provides for a credit of 5 cents per tree against the "highway repair tax" for landowners whose land borders a highway "upon which state reward has not been paid", and who plant trees of a certain size and spacing along the highway. The highway repair tax to which the credit applied, however, has been repealed since 1958. The credit also appears to be obsolete because the State now pays for all land bordering public highways. It has been suggested, therefore, that the credit be repealed.

### **CONTENT**

The bill would repeal Section 3 of Public Act 36 of 1919.

MCL 247.233

### **ARGUMENTS**

*(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)*

#### **Supporting Argument**

The bill simply would remove an antiquated and obsolete section from the compiled laws.

Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: B. Bowerman

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