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DUCKS UNLIMITED SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

House Bill 4352

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4352 AS INTRODUCED 2-27-01

House Bill 4352 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the secretary of state to develop, and upon application to issue, a state-sponsored fund-raising registration plate and matching collector plate to recognize Ducks Unlimited.

Under current law, the secretary of state can develop up to six different limited term registration plates to recognize a state-sponsored event, a Michigan university, or an accomplishment or occasion of a Michigan university. The secretary of state is authorized to develop, promote, and market the fund-raising registration plates and matching collector plates with the funds available through service fees.

To authorize a plate commemorating Ducks Unlimited, House Bill 4352 would increase to seven (from six) the total number of specialty fund-raising plates the secretary of state could develop and promote. Under the bill, those making application for the new registration plate bearing the Ducks Unlimited design would be required to follow the existing motor vehicle registration and re-registration procedure, except that a \$25 service fee would be added to the annual vehicle registration tax for the original plate, and a \$10 service fee would be added for a renewal of the plate. At registration, the secretary of state could issue a temporary permit (without fee) for a period not to exceed 60 days, to be used until the Ducks Unlimited plate was available. At renewal, the secretary of state could issue an expiration tab.

House Bill 4352 would require that the Ducks Unlimited registration plate service fees collected by the secretary of state be kept in a separate account, and on a quarterly basis transferred to the Michigan chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Incorporated. The secretary of state also would be required first to deduct the manufacturing and administrative costs, including the administrative costs associated with issuing, replacing, and substituting the specialty plates.

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