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Senate Bill 146 (as introduced 2-4-03)
Sponsor: Senator Valde Garcia
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to obtain information necessary to register males between the ages of 16 and 25 for the Federal Selective Service System at the time an individual applied for a driver's license or personal identification card.

Under the bill, by applying for a temporary instruction permit, operator's license, chauffeur's license, State personal identification card, renewal operator's license, renewal chauffeur's license, or renewal State personal identification card, a male citizen or an immigrant to the United States at least 16 but under 26 years old would give his consent for the Secretary of State to provide information to the Selective Service System. The Secretary of State would have to inform the individual that the information would be provided to the Selective Service System for the purpose of registration, and the application forms for the licenses and ID cards would have to state that the submission of the application served as the applicant's consent for the Secretary of State to provide the information.

The Secretary of State would have to provide the information obtained in the applications to the Selective Service System in the manner required by the Selective Service.

Proposed MCL 257.307b

BACKGROUND

The Selective Service System is an independent agency within the executive branch of the Federal government. Under the Military Selective Service Act, the mission of the Selective Service System is to provide the numbers of men needed by the Armed Forces should Congress and the President decide to return to a draft. Selective Service also would be responsible for administering a program of alternative service for conscientious objectors.

Currently, with few exceptions, all male United States citizens and male aliens residing in the United States and its territories must register for the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Members of the Armed Forces on active duty, lawfully admitted, nonimmigrants on visas, and men who are continually confined to a residence, hospital, or institution are exempt from registering. In the event of a draft, 20-year-old men would be the first called, then 21-year-olds, on up through age 25.

Registration is the process of providing the Selective Service System with personal information such as name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and other related information. A male may register online at the Selective Service website, at a U.S. post office, or at a U.S. embassy or consulate.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of State does not have an estimate of costs but reports that the bill would result in information technology costs and additional transaction time.

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