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House Bills 4855 through 4859 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative William Van Regenmorter (House Bill 4855)
Representative John Stakoe (House Bill 4856)
Representative Andrew Meisner (House Bill 4857)
Representative Paul Condino (House Bill 4858)
Representative Edward Gaffney (House Bill 4859)

House Committee: Criminal Justice
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bills would amend various statutes to revise the fine that local units of government may impose for a violation of an ordinance that substantially corresponds to a violation of State law that is a misdemeanor for which the maximum period of imprisonment is 93 days. Currently, in that situation, an ordinance violation may be punishable by up to 93 days' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$500, unless otherwise provided by law. Under the bills, a local unit could provide a penalty of up to 93 days' imprisonment, "a fine consistent with state law", or both.

House Bill 4855 would amend Public Act 246 of 1945, which authorizes township boards to adopt ordinances and regulations to secure the public health, safety, and general welfare. House Bill 4856 would amend the Charter Township Act; House Bill 4857 would amend the Home Rule City Act; House Bill 4858 would amend the General Law Village Act; and House Bill 4859 would amend the Home Rule Village Act.

MCL 41.183 (H.B. 4855)
42.21 (H.B. 4856)
117.3 & 117.4i (H.B. 4857)
66.2 (H.B. 4858)
78.23 & 78.24 (H.B. 4859)

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State revenues. The bills could increase local unit revenues by an unknown and possibly insignificant amount, depending on whether local units changed fines where possible and the number of violations for which changed fines were levied.

This estimate is preliminary and will be revised as new information becomes available.

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