

Legislative Analysis



OFFICIAL STATE SCOTTISH TARTAN

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House Bill 5904

Sponsor: Rep. Richard LeBlanc

Committee: Government Operations

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5904 AS INTRODUCED 3-18-08

The bill would create a new act to designate an official Scottish tartan of the state. Under the bill, the thread count would be read by Scottish hand weavers and textile designers as follows:

BG18*W2 BG8 W2 T8 DG2 T4 DG24 DR4 DG4*

In the thread count description indicated above, an asterisk denotes 1/2 the total threads at the turning points.

[NOTE: According to the website of the St. Andrew's Society of Northwestern Michigan, which is promoting the adoption of this tartan, the colors stand for:

White: snow, lake ice, summer clouds, and fruit blossoms

Tan: sand dunes, Petoskey stones, roads for the Model T

Deep red: maples in autumn, cherries and apples, red-top grass

Deep green: forest, rolling hills & meadows

Blue/green: Michigan's lakes, both inland and Great.

The website is at: www.sasnm.org/mi_tartan.htm]

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the State of Michigan or local units of government.

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