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Senate Bill 128 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown

Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- -- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to design, develop, and issue a fund-raising plate with the words "In God We Trust" inscribed on the plate.
- -- Require the SOS to transfer the donation money from the sale of the fund-raising plates to the State Treasurer, who would have to credit the money to the State's General Fund.
- -- Eliminate the limit on the number of State-sponsored fund-raising plates that may be developed.

MCL 257.811e et al. Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create a start-up cost to the Department of State. The start-up fee of \$15,000 prescribed in the Code normally covers the Department's start-up costs; however, it is uncertain who would pay this start-up fee as the bill does not propose a nonprofit fund from which the start-up fee would be paid.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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