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Senate Bill 324 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Bruce Patterson
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

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

- Increase the limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates from eight to nine.
- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop a fund-raising plate and collector plate recognizing Ducks Unlimited, and permit the SOS to issue those plates.
- Create the "Ducks Unlimited Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require the State Treasurer to disburse money in the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and provide that the money could be used only to protect, enhance, restore, manage, and acquire wetlands and associated uplands in the State.
- Require the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited to give the Department of Treasury an annual accounting of money received and used under the bill.

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 could be paid to the Department of State from the Ducks Unlimited Fund proposed in the bill; however, the bill does not include such a requirement. The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate established under the bill would be deposited into the proposed Ducks Unlimited Fund, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments from the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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