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Senate Bill 991

Sponsor: Senator Michael O'Brian

Committee: State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 991 as introduced 9-7-88:

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to change a \$15 fee for each motorcycle operator driving test, increase the renewal fees for motorcycle indorsements, and allocate the test fee and the increases in the renewal fees to the Motorcycle Safety Fund to be used only to fund the Motorcycle Safety Education Program, which is conducted by the Department of State. Under the bill, the \$2 renewal fee for a motorcycle indorsement for a three-year or four-year driver's license would be increased to \$4, and the \$3 renewal fee for a motorcycle indorsement on a two-year license would be increased to \$5. (The Act provides that a two-year license may be issued to a person who has been charged with 12 or more points in the 24 months preceding the expiration of his or her current license, or had his or her license suspended or revoked, or been convicted of certain violations in the 36 months preceding expiration.)

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Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would generate approximately \$375,000 in additional revenue for the State Motorcycle Safety Fund.

According to the Department of State, there are approximately 9,000 motorcycle operator driving tests and 120,000 motorcycle indorsement renewals each year. Assuming this amount of activity continues, the \$15 driving test fee and the \$2 indorsement renewal fee increase would generate \$135,000 and \$240,000 respectively.

The total amount of Motorcycle Safety Fees collected by the Department of State as of September 30, 1987, was \$575,401. This revenue was generated from motorcycle license plate sales and motorcycle drivers license fees. Although the Department of State does not currently charge a fee for motorcycle operator driving tests, \$264,700 has been appropriated from the Motorcycle Safety Fund for the Department's part in administering this program for FY 1988-89.

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