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Senate Bill 626 (Substitute S-1)
Sponsor: Senator John D. Cherry, Jr.
Committee: Judiciary

Date Completed: 11-1-89

SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 626 (Substitute S-1):

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to exempt an amateur radio operator who held a "technician class" license from the prohibition against equipping a vehicle with a radio, or using a radio so equipped, that receives signals sent on frequencies assigned by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for police purposes. The bill also would remove an existing exemption from that prohibition for a "conditional" licensee. Others currently exempt from the prohibition include peace officers and amateur radio operators holding a general, advanced, or extra class license. Those licenses must be issued by the FCC, as would a technician class license, and the licensees must secure a permit from the State Police. A violation of the prohibition is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year's imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$500, or both.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: M. Hansen

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