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COUNTY PARKING LOT FINES

House Bill 5476 with committee amendment
First Analysis (4-25-96)

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Hanley
Committee: Local Government

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 58 of 1945 permits counties to maintain and regulate parking lots on land they own and allows commissioners to establish civil fines for violating parking regulations not to exceed $10. Reportedly, only two counties -- Alpena and Saginaw -- use this statute, with other counties said to rely on local municipal enforcement of parking. The limit on fines has been in place for a very long time and is considered out of date.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend Public Act 58 of 1945 to remove the $10 limit on fines for violating county parking lot regulations.

MCL 46.201

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

As the House Fiscal Agency notes, the bill would allow for increases in county parking lot fines and so would result in an indeterminate revenue increase for counties. (Fiscal Note dated 4-22-96)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would eliminate the longstanding $10 limit on parking fines that counties may charge on lots they regulate (for example, next to the courthouse). Reportedly, only two counties rely on this statute. The bill would permit elected county commissioners to set the parking fines.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Association of Counties supports the bill. (4-24-96)

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