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Senate Bill 578 (Substitute S-5 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Senator Dale L. Shugars  
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would create a new act to prohibit a person from holding, conducting, or operating greyhound dog racing for public exhibition. In addition, a person would be prohibited from transmitting or receiving simulcasting of greyhound dog racing from an out-of-State racetrack. A person who violated the act would be subject to a civil fine of at least \$7,500.

The bill would define "person" as an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity. "Simulcast" would mean the live transmission into the State of video or audio signals conveying a greyhound dog race held outside the State. "Out-of-state racetrack" would mean a track outside the State at which pari-mutual wagering on races was lawfully conducted.

The bill specifies that it would not preclude prosecution under the Michigan Penal Code.

Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Based on past experience, there have been no prosecutions for dog racing or simulcasting of dog races in Michigan. The bill would have no fiscal impact.

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