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Senate Bill 1079 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator William Van Regenmorter
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 63 (motor vehicle emissions testing for west Michigan) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to revise the requirement that a motor vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance (I/M) program be implemented in Kent, Ottawa, and Muskegon Counties. The bill also would repeal a provision that exempts from Part 63 any area of the State subject to Part 63 that has been redesignated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as having attained the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and has demonstrated maintenance of the standards without a motor vehicle emissions I/M program.

The Act requires the Michigan Department of Transportation, by January 1, 1995, to implement and administer in Kent, Ottawa, and Muskegon Counties a motor vehicle emissions I/M program designed to meet the performance standards for such a program as established by the EPA. The bill would delete the January 1, 1995, date.

The bill specifies that a county would be excluded from an I/M program if the county would be in attainment of national ambient air quality standards for ozone, given baseline emissions from that county except for emissions emanating from outside of the State, unless the Department of Environmental Quality determined, based on a study of formation and transport of ozone, that control of motor vehicle emissions would significantly contribute to the attainment of the national ozone standards as promulgated under the Federal Clean Air Act. As currently provided, the program could be reimplemented only if required as a contingency measure included in a maintenance plan approved by the EPA as part of the redesignation.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program for Kent, Ottawa, and Muskegon Counties was to be financed by an inspection fee of up to \$24. The program was not implemented. If the program had been implemented, a \$24 biennial fee would have generated approximately \$6,000,000 annually.

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