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UNIVERSITY LICENSE PLATES AND FUNDRAISING

House Bill 4653
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4653 AS INTRODUCED 4-22-97

House Bill 4653 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to (MCL 257.811d et al.) require the secretary of state to offer license plate applicants the option of obtaining a university registration plate, instead of a standard motor vehicle license plate. All university institutions of higher education--public and private, in-state and out-of-state--would be eligible to make application to the secretary of state for the issuance of a university registration plate.

Under the bill, those making application for the new registration plate bearing a university design and name would be required to follow the existing motor vehicle registration and re-registration procedures (as specified in sections 257.217 and 257.226 of the code), except that a service fee would be added to the annual vehicle registration tax: \$25 for the original plate (\$3 for the first month and \$2 per month for each additional month during the registration period); and, a \$10 fee upon renewal. At registration, the secretary of state could issue a temporary permit for a period not to exceed 60 days, to be used until the university plate was available. At renewal, the secretary of state could issue an expiration tab.

House Bill 4653 would require that university registration plate service fees collected by the secretary of state be kept in separate university accounts, and on a quarterly basis transferred to the university for which the fees were collected. The secretary of state also would be required first to deduct the manufacturing and administrative costs, including the administrative costs associated with issuing, replacing, and substituting the specialty plates.

Under the bill, the secretary of state would be required to submit an annual report called the University Registration Plate Audit to the governor, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House. The audit would list the number of plates sold, the amount of service fees collected for and submitted to each university, and the manufacturing and administrative costs deducted.

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