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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 180 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator George A. McManus, Jr.
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 439 (Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Department of Natural Resources to purchase and develop critical nongame wildlife habitats in the State.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 770, which would require the Secretary of State to develop, and allow the Secretary of State to issue, upon application, a State-sponsored critical nongame wildlife habitat registration plate and matching collector plate (as proposed by Senate Bill 826).

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FISCAL IMPACT

This package of bills (Senate Bills 180 (S-2), 770 (S-2), 826 (S-1), and 827-829) would increase revenue to the State. There would be some administrative costs to the Department of State to administer the program. However, the costs would be absorbed by the revenue gained from the sale of the license plates. Because the number of people who would purchase fund-raising plates is unknown, the fiscal impact of the program is indeterminate. However, figures for other plate programs are shown below for reference.

	Olympic Plates		Organizational Plates	
	Issued	Fees	Issued	Fees
FY 1995-96	5,795	\$139,357	1,439	\$35,975
FY 1996-97	6,985	\$146,326	1,228	\$30,700
FY 1997-98	7,244	\$177,762	1,283	\$32,075
FY 1998-99	7,800	\$192,000	1,400	\$35,000

After the Department of State deducts its costs from the original fees for the Olympic plates, the remainder is sent to the Olympic Training Center at Northern Michigan University. The chart above shows the total revenue collected from fees for both the Olympic plates and the organizational plates. The figures for FY 1998-99 are projected totals.

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