

INCREASE GENERAL FELONY, MISDEMEANOR FINES



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 5858 AS INTRODUCED

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Faunce
House Committee: Criminal Justice

COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 5/17/02

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SUMMARY

The Michigan Penal Code provides for misdemeanor and felony penalties when penalties are not otherwise fixed by statute. A felony is punishable by imprisonment for up to four years and a fine of up to \$2,000, or both. A misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment for up to 90 days, a fine of up to \$100, or both. The bill would increase the maximum fines to \$5,000 for felonies, and \$500 for misdemeanors. The bill thus could increase penal fine revenues, which are constitutionally dedicated to local libraries.