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Senate Bill 672 (as introduced 9-26-01)
Sponsor: Senator Dianne Byrum
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Require the Secretary of State to develop and issue a "Breast Cancer Awareness" fund-raising plate.**
- Require the payment of a \$25 donation for the plate.**
- Create the "Breast Cancer Awareness Fund", and require plate donations to be deposited into it.**
- Require money in the Fund to be disbursed to the Michigan Chapter of the American Cancer Society.**

The Secretary of State would have to design the Breast Cancer Awareness plate, with the pink ribbon emblem of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation inscribed on it. The word "Michigan" also would have to appear on the plate.

The owner of a vehicle required to be registered under the Code could apply for a Breast Cancer Awareness registration plate instead of a standard registration plate. Upon application and payment of the regular registration tax, a \$5 service fee, and a \$25 donation, the Secretary of State would have to issue a Breast Cancer Awareness plate for the vehicle. The Secretary of State would have to deposit the \$25 donation into the proposed Breast Cancer Awareness Fund.

The bill would create the Fund within the State Treasury. The State Treasurer could receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the Fund. The State Treasurer would have to direct the investment of the Fund, and credit to it interest and earnings from Fund investments. Money in the Fund at the close of a fiscal year would remain in the Fund.

The State Treasurer would have to disburse the money in the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Chapter of the American Cancer Society. An agency receiving money under the bill would have to give the State Treasurer an annual accounting of the use of the money.

Proposed MCL 257.217p & 257.217q

Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The statutes for existing fund-raising license plates set a service fee of \$10. The level of this fee was established following an evaluation of the administrative, manufacturing, and distribution costs of the plates. The \$10 service fee is revenue-neutral, meaning it covers exactly the cost of producing the plate and the State experiences no net gain or loss. The service fee established in the bill would be \$5. This would result in a cost to the State of \$5

for every plate purchased. Costs incurred by the Department of Treasury for administration of the Breast Cancer Awareness Fund would be negligible.

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