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Senate Bill 1036 (as introduced 1-30-02)
Sponsor: Senator Thaddeus G. McCotter
Committee: Government Operations

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 255 of 1909, which regulates the use of the names and emblems of benevolent, humane, fraternal, or charitable organizations. The Act makes it illegal for a person to display on his or her motor vehicle any emblem or insignia of any organization, association, fraternity, lodge, club, or order, unless the vehicle owner is a member of that entity. Under the bill, this prohibition would apply to the emblem or insignia of a nonprofit organization or a fraternity, lodge, club, or order, and would not apply if the vehicle owner had made a contribution to the nonprofit organization or were a member of the fraternity, lodge, club, or order.

A violation of the Act is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$100 and/or up to 90 days' imprisonment.

MCL 430.53

Legislative Analyst: S. Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 1036 would have no fiscal impact on the State and an indeterminate impact on local government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders are convicted of this offense each year. Local units would incur the cost of incarceration, and libraries receive the fine revenue.

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