

Fiscal Analysis

“THIN BLUE LINE” FUND-RAISING LICENSE PLATE



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 4927, AS REPORTED** Rep. Ward

House Committee Transportation

Analysis **Summary**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Michigan Secretary of State to issue a “Thin Blue Line” fund-raising license plate, and related collector plate. Funds from \$25 fund-raising donation would be credited to the Thin Blue Line fund created within the Michigan State Treasury.

Thin Blue Line website describes the organization as “*a non-profit, volunteer organization, which exists solely to assist and support the families of injured or deceased officers of law enforcement agencies within the State of Michigan. Whether active or honorably retired, officers and their families are assured that The Thin Blue Line will aid them with financial, emotional, physical, and medical needs that arise upon the occasion of an officer's injury or death.*”

Fiscal Impact

The Michigan Department of State estimates that initial start-up costs for a new fund-raising plate are approximately \$15,000. These costs would not be recovered under the current fund-raising plate program.

For a more detailed analysis of the fund-raising plate program, see the House Fiscal Agency analysis of Senate Bill 785

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