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Senate Bill 837 (as introduced 10-25-05)

Sponsor: Senator Bob Emerson

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Horse Racing Law of 1995 to transfer \$2.0 million from the Michigan Agriculture Equine Industry Development Fund to the General Fund for fiscal year (FY) 2005-06 only.

MCL 431.320

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no net fiscal impact on the State. The bill would transfer revenue from one source to another in FY 2005-06 to help balance the State General Fund. The Michigan Agriculture Equine Industry Development Fund receives revenue from four primary sources: simulcast wagering taxes, horse racing licenses and fines, uncashed winning tickets, and a portion of the State tax levied on Detroit casinos. Total Fund revenue projected for FY 2005-06 is \$16.7 million. The bill would transfer \$2.0 million of Fund revenue to the General Fund for FY 2005-06. This transfer is part of the Leadership Target Agreement on the FY 2005-06 budget. Appropriations from the Fund were reduced to match the projected revenue level, after the proposed transfer.

For additional background information on the Michigan Agriculture Equine Industry Development Fund, please see Senate Fiscal Agency State Notes of January/February 2005:

<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa/Publications/Notes/2005Notes/NotesJanFeb05ctagri.PDF>

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