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Senate Bill 869 (as introduced 11-9-05)
Sponsor: Senator Gerald Van Woerkom
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Michigan Vehicle Code to allow the State Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement with a city or village to allow a right-of-way of a State trunk line highway within the corporate limits of that local unit of government to be used by a person, firm, or corporation to sell or offer for sale, or display or attempt to display for sale, goods, wares, produce, fruit, vegetables, or merchandise within that right-of-way.

Under the Code, except as otherwise provided, a person who engages in these activities within the right-of-way of a State trunk line highway is responsible for a civil infraction. The Department may issue a permit allowing a person to conduct these activities if they do not create an unsafe situation or interfere with transportation along the highway, if the municipality having jurisdiction over the site passes a resolution authorizing the activities. The Department may charge a fee for the permit.

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Legislative Analyst: J.P. Finet

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no apparent fiscal impact on State or local government. It is possible that the bill would result in decreased State revenue and administrative costs associated with a reduction in the number of permits issued by the Michigan Department of Transportation to allow certain business activities within State trunkline highway rights-of-way.

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