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Senate Bill 682 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Tom George, M.D.

Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

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

- -- Remove the current eight-plate limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- -- Require the Secretary of State to develop and issue a fund-raising plate recognizing the bicentennial of the War of 1812.
- -- Create the "Mackinac Island State Park Commission Fund" and require donations from the sale of the fund-raising plate to be deposited into the Fund, to be disbursed quarterly to the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.
- -- Require the Commission, beginning not later than February 1, 2011, to submit to the State Treasurer a summary of the preceding year's expenditures of the money received under the bill.

MCL 257.811e et al. Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create a start-up cost to the Department of State. The start-up fee of \$15,000 prescribed in the Code could be paid to the Department from the proposed Mackinac Island State Park Commission Fund if any money were deposited into it before the fund-raising plate was issued; however, the bill does not include such a requirement. The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate established under the bill would be deposited into the proposed Fund, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments from the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

Date Completed: 6-1-10 Fiscal Analyst: Joe Carrasco