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House Bill 5122 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Andrew Kandrevas
House Committee: Transportation
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Highway Advertising Act to do the following:

- Allow the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to issue a permit for a new sign structure for a religious organization sign or a service club sign measuring less than eight square feet.
- Delete the current \$100 penalty for delinquent payment of an annual permit renewal fee, and provide for a \$20 penalty if the renewal fee were not paid at least 30 days before the permit's expiration date.
- Provide that, for permits having the same expiration date, the maximum amount of increased renewal fees for late payments that could be assessed against one permit holder would be \$10,000.
- Require MDOT to notify a permit holder by certified mail, within 30 days after the permit's expiration date, if the annual renewal fee were not paid.
- Allow MDOT to cancel a permit if the fee were not paid within 60 days after the permit expired.
- Revise the luminescence restrictions for signs that change between two or more static images.

MCL 252.302 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would reduce State revenue by lowering the delinquency penalty on renewal fees from \$100 to \$20, assuming that delinquencies remain unchanged. Department expenses would potentially be reduced by a nominal amount because equipment used to enforce the proposed luminescence requirements is less expensive than equipment used to manage the current requirements. However, some minimal new costs also could be incurred in regard to the proposed requirement that MDOT notify by certified mail permit holders whose annual permit has expired.

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