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House Bill 4359 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Matt Huuki

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide for the availability of certain military specialty license plates for motorcycles.

The Code allows a person who was or is a member of the National Guard to apply to the Secretary of State for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the words "national guard" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

The Code also allows a person who was a member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Services, who has retired or been granted an honorable discharge from that branch, to apply to the Secretary of State for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers.

Upon proper application and payment of the \$5 service fee, the Secretary of State must issue one or more of these special registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle.

Under the bill, the Secretary of State also would have to issue one or more such plates for use on a motorcycle. For a national guard plate, however, the words "national guard" would have to be inscribed beneath the registration numbers only on plates for passenger vehicles.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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