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House Bill 5595 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

House Bill 5596 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Charles M. Brunner (H.B. 5595)

Representative Kevin Daley (H.B. 5596)

House Committee: Agriculture

Senate Committee: Agriculture

CONTENT

House Bill 5595 (H-1) would amend the Weights and Measures Act to do the following:

- Eliminate references to the National Bureau of Standards in provisions regarding State standards of weights and measures.
- Allow a non-NTEP (National Type Evaluation Program) measuring device to be used under certain conditions.
- Eliminate references to a National Conference on Weights and Measures training module in provisions regarding the registration of servicepeople and service agencies.
- Require a registrant to take a competency test every four years.
- Eliminate provisions establishing a specific registration fee, and allow the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to adjust the fee annually.

House Bill 5596 (H-2) would amend the Act to do the following:

- Revise provisions regarding the method of sale of liquefied petroleum gas.
- Require a scale used to weigh vehicles to be tested upon repair or maintenance, and require the owner or operator to record all testing data and make them available to MDARD upon request.
- Prescribe requirements, beginning one year after the bill's effective date, for the advertising of motor fuel sold at a roadside retail location.
- Increase fines for violations of the Act and rules promulgated under it.
- Require a habitual violator to be assessed the costs of facility inspection by MDARD.

The bills are tie-barred.

MCL 290.602 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 5595 (H-1) would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

House Bill 5596 (H-2) could increase the amount of fine revenue collected for enforcement of the Act by MDARD, depending on the number of enforcement actions and costs assessed, an amount that cannot be determined at this time. Revenue from weights and measures fines and costs totaled \$329,900 in FY 2008-09; \$271,100 in FY 2009-10; and \$173,200 in 2010-11.

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