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Senate Bill 234 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Randy Richardville
Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that, by June 1, 2014, the Secretary of State would have to develop, and could issue, a fund-raising plate and a matching collector plate recognizing Ducks Unlimited. The words "Ducks Unlimited" would have to be inscribed on the plates.

The Secretary of State would have to transfer the fund-raising donations received from the sale of the plates to the State Treasurer, who would have to credit the money to the Ducks Unlimited Fund.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4337, which would amend the Code to create the Ducks Unlimited Fund, and require the State Treasurer to distribute money in the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. The money could be spent only to protect, enhance, restore, manage, and acquire wetland and associated upland in the State, except that a portion could be used to fund education and outreach regarding wetland conservation and to cover reasonable costs of advertising and administration.

Proposed MCL 257.811v

Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create a start-up cost to the Department of State; however, the start-up fee of \$15,000 prescribed in the Code would have to be paid to the Department of State from the Ducks Unlimited Fund proposed in House Bill 4337. The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate established under the Senate bill would be deposited into the proposed Fund, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments from the Fund to the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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