

Legislative Analysis



SALVAGE VEHICLE INSPECTION FEES: RECORDS AND USE

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House Bill 4922 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Yaroach
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BRIEF SUMMARY:

HB 4922 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a local unit of government to review records related to the collection and disposition of fee revenue from inspections of salvage vehicles. These records must be made available to the local unit of government for review and audit be made available upon request to the Department of State.

Currently, fee revenue collected by local law enforcement agencies must be used for law enforcement purposes related to stolen vehicles, stolen parts, and salvage vehicle inspections. The bill would add that this could include equipment and road patrol services that increase the likelihood of recovering stolen vehicles or stolen vehicle parts.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted into law.

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BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The Secretary of State may issue a certificate of title or registration plates for a vehicle with a salvage certificate only after the vehicle has been inspected and met certain criteria. An employee of the Department of State, an on- or off-duty police officer, or a previously certified police officer may be authorized to conduct a salvage vehicle inspection. Each police agency is required to charge a fee for the inspections, and each local authority with a policy agency determines the amount of the fee, with a maximum of \$100. The fees are deposited with the local authority for the police agency, or with the Department of State if the inspection is completed by a department employee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

While the bill would have no impact on the level of salvage inspection fee revenue collected by local law enforcement agencies, it would provide them greater flexibility in expending those funds. The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of State or any other state agency.

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