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Senate Bill 341 (as introduced 4-27-17)
Sponsor: Senator John Proos
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to include veteran memorial tombstones or other veteran cemetery markers within a prohibition against buying, receiving, or possessing stolen or embezzled property.

The Penal Code prohibits a person from buying, receiving, possessing, concealing, or aiding in the concealment of stolen, embezzled, or converted money, goods, or property if the person knows or has reason to know or believe that it is stolen, embezzled, or converted. An offender is subject to a range of misdemeanor and felony penalties, depending on the value of the property and his or her prior convictions for this offense.

Under the bill, this prohibition would apply to veteran memorial tombstones and veteran cemetery markers, as well as any other property.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

MCL 750.535

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could have a negative fiscal impact on State and local government. More misdemeanor and felony arrests and convictions could increase resource demands on law enforcement, court systems, community supervision, jails, and correctional facilities. The average cost to State government for felony probation supervision is approximately \$3,024 per probationer per year. For any increase in prison intakes, in the short term, the marginal cost to State government would be approximately \$3,764 per prisoner per year. Any associated increase in fine revenue would increase funding to public libraries.

Fiscal Analyst: Ryan Bergan

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