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Senate Bill 659 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Peter MacGregor
Committee: Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Revise certain dealer training program requirements for eligible used vehicle dealers.
- Specify that an owner, partner, corporate officer, or director of a new vehicle dealer license would not have to complete the precensure dealer training program.
- Allow certain training requirements to be satisfied by attending a training program that was conducted by the Department of State or a qualified trade organization approved by the Department.
- Allow a qualified trade organization to apply to the Department for approval to conduct the dealer training programs, and prohibit an organization from conducting a training program unless it obtained approval.
- Require the Department to establish an application procedure for a qualified trade organization to obtain approval from the Department to conduct a training program
- Require the Department to develop and make available applications within 30 days after the bill's effective date.
- Allow the training programs established by the Secretary of State and any training programs approved by the Department under the bill to be conducted online or by other electronic means.
- Prohibit the Department from charging a fee to review, approve, or deny an application submitted under the bill.
- Allows the Department to promulgate rules and procedures in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act for implementing the bill's provisions.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could have a minimal negative fiscal impact on the Department of State. The bill would require the Department to develop used vehicle dealer training course content compared to the current requirement of approving the course content. Additionally, the Department would have to promulgate rules and procedures for a qualified trade organization to conduct the required trainings in addition to trainings conducted by the Department. Although these costs would be new costs to the Department, they should be minimal and could be absorbed within the Department's annual appropriation.

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