

Legislative Analysis



USE OF SALVAGE VEHICLE FEE REVENUE

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House Bill 5665 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5665 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to revise how inspection fees for salvage vehicles collected by law enforcement agencies may be used.

Under the code, 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.

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

The bill would amend the above provision to instead require that a local authority use the fees for law enforcement equipment necessary to protect public health or safety.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5665 would not impact the level of fee revenue collected by local law enforcement agencies, but it would alter how those funds could be expended, allowing expenditures for law enforcement equipment necessary to protect public health or safety.

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