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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 5779 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Jaime Churches
House Committee: Transportation, Mobility, and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Committee of the Whole

CONTENT**([COMPANION BILL LINK: SB 897](#))**

The bill would amend the Revised Statutes of 1846, which governs the powers and duties of townships, to do the following:

- Allow a township with a population between 10,000 and 15,000 individuals, located in a county with a population greater than 1.5 million, to acquire, own, or operate a public service facility that provided transportation to the township.
- Allow the township that owned or operated the public service facility to charge a user fee.
- Require a township that owned or operated a public service facility to implement an inspection program that complied with Federal law for all bridges owned or operated by the township to be eligible to receive State and Federal money related to owning or operating a bridge.

"Public service facility" would mean a bridge, a roadway or ramp that supports the bridge, and any other equipment, building, or structure, parking area, appurtenance, or other real or personal property necessary or desirable for and any future construction to replace the bridge or its related structures. "User fee" would mean a toll, consumption charge, rent, license fee, or another similar or ancillary charge that is related to the use or purchase of the public service facility.

Proposed MCL 41.2b

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

House Bill 5779 is a companion to Senate Bill 897. Senate Bill 897 was referred to the House Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance on June 20, 2024, but has received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would allow townships in Wayne County with populations between 10,000 and 15,000 to create a public service facility that provided transportation. It would not have a fiscal impact on the State. It could have a fiscal impact on the townships if they chose to create this public service facility. The bill would allow for the collection of fees to pay for this service. Assuming the township created the public service facility, the bill would increase costs for the township and increase revenue from the fees. It is unknown whether the fees generated would cover the full cost of the service.

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