

Fiscal Analysis

Motorcycle Safety Education Program



Bill/Sponsor SENATE BILL 462 (H-1), Sen. Valde Garcia

House Committee Transportation

Analysis

Summary

Senate Bill 462 (H-1) amends the Michigan Vehicle Code to transfer responsibility for the Motorcycle Safety Education Program from the Department of Education to the Department of State. Funding to support the program is derived from original and renewal motorcycle license endorsements, annual motorcycle registration fees, and motorcycle operator driving test fees. Grants are to be issued to colleges, universities, intermediate school districts, local school districts, law enforcement agencies, and other governmental agencies, to help subsidize safety training courses for individuals interested in operating motorcycles. Entities that receive grants may not charge applicants more than a \$25 course fee, whereas private providers of safety courses are not subject to the \$25 limit.

The FY 2004 Executive recommendation proposed elimination of the program. If the program is eliminated, individuals will have to enroll in safety courses offered by private providers.

Fiscal Impact

The Motorcycle Safety Fund supports administration costs and grant awards. Funding is statutorily dedicated as follows:

- \$10 of each original motorcycle endorsement
- \$ 3 of each endorsement renewal
- \$ 3 of each motorcycle registration

SB 270, the FY 2004 General Government appropriations bill, as passed by both the House and Senate, includes \$143,800 for administration of the program, and \$1,200,000 for grant awards.

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