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Senate Bill 389 (as introduced 5-19-11)
Sponsor: Senator Glenn S. Anderson
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

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

- **Eliminate the eight-plate limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.**
- **Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop a fund-raising plate and collector plate recognizing the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP).**
- **Create the "Breast Cancer Awareness Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.**

The Code allows the SOS, at one time, to develop up to eight State-sponsored fund-raising registration plates and matching State-sponsored collector plates. The bill would eliminate the limit.

Under the bill, the SOS would have to develop under Section 811e and could issue under Section 811f a fund-raising plate and collector plate recognizing the BCCCP. The SOS would have to design the plates in conjunction with the BCCCP. The SOS would have to transfer fund-raising donations for the plates to the State Treasurer.

(Section 811e prescribes a \$15,000 start-up fee for new fund-raising plates authorized under the section. The SOS may not develop or issue a fund-raising plate unless a public act authorizing the plate identifies its purpose; creates a nonprofit fund or designates an existing nonprofit fund to receive the money raised through the sale of the fund-raising plates and matching collector plates; and names the person or entity responsible for administering the fund.

Section 811f prescribes a \$25 donation and a \$10 service fee, in addition to the regular vehicle registration tax, for an original fund-raising plate. For a renewal, an applicant must pay a \$10 donation in addition to the registration tax.)

The bill would create the Breast Cancer Awareness Fund within the State Treasury. The State Treasurer would have to credit the donation money from the sale of the plates to that Fund, and disburse money in the Fund on a quarterly basis to the BCCCP.

Beginning February 1, 2013, the BCCCP would have to submit to the Department of Treasury a summary of the preceding year's expenditures of money received under the bill.

The State Treasurer could receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the Fund. The Treasurer would have to direct the investment of the Fund and credit to it interest and earnings from Fund investments. Money in the Fund at the close of the fiscal year would have to remain in the Fund and not lapse into the State General Fund.

The SOS would be the administrator of the Fund for auditing purposes.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create a start-up cost to the Department of State. The start-up fee of \$15,000 prescribed in the Code could be paid to the Department of State from the Breast Cancer Awareness Fund proposed in the bill; however, the bill does not include such a requirement. The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate established under the bill would be deposited into the proposed Fund, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments from the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

Fiscal Analyst: Joe Carrasco

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