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Senate Bill 534 (as introduced 6-28-11)
Sponsor: Senator John J. Gleason
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to authorize the Secretary of State (SOS) to issue a fund-raising license plate recognizing anatomical gift donation; and require donations for those plates to be deposited in a proposed "Organ and Tissue Donation Education Fund".

The SOS would have to determine the design of the plate. Fund-raising donations for the plates collected under Section 811f would have to be transferred under Section 811h by the SOS to the State Treasurer, who would have to disburse the donation money to the Organ and Tissue Donation Education Fund, established in Section 811s (which House Bill 4978 would add).

(Under Section 811f, an application for an original fund-raising plate must be accompanied by payment of the regular vehicle registration tax, a \$25 donation, and a \$10 service fee. An application for a renewal must be accompanied by payment of the vehicle registration tax and a \$10 donation.)

Section 811h requires the SOS to create a separate account for each type of fund-raising plate and identify and segregate the fund-raising donations into the separate accounts. The SOS must authorize the disbursement of the donations on a quarterly basis.

A fund-raising plate must meet sales goals of 2,000 in the first year and 500 new plates annually for the next five years. The SOS may cease to issue a fund-raising plate that fails to meet the sales goals.)

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4978, which would create the Fund and require it to be used only for the administration and maintenance of the State anatomical gift donor registry program.

Proposed MCL 257.811t

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate established under the bill would be transferred from the Secretary of State to the State Treasurer, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments to the Organ and Tissue Donation Education Fund.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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