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Senate Bill 634 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Joel D. Gougeon
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Limousine Transportation Act to require a limo carrier of passengers, before hiring any person to operate a limousine, to conduct a review of the person's driving record furnished by the Secretary of State.

Beginning on the bill's effective date, a limo carrier of passengers that advertised the availability of its services to the general public would have to include in that advertisement that nonpersonal information related to a driver's driving record would be available for review by the public at the owner's business address and that the information on each driver would have to be carried in each limousine by that driver. A limo carrier that failed to include the required information in its advertising would be subject to a fine of up to \$500.

(The Act defines "limo carrier of passengers" as a person who, either directly or through any device or arrangement holds himself or herself out to the public as willing to undertake for hire to transport by limousine from place to place over the public highways of the State persons who may choose to employ him or her for that purpose.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The State would collect additional revenue from the look-up fee it charges to look up driver records. There are 1,340 limousine vehicles registered with the Michigan Department of Transportation. Limousine carriers employ between one and four drivers per vehicle. The State charges \$6.55 to look up each record. Based on the one- to four-driver estimate, the bill would generate approximately \$17,500 from look-up fees.

The State also would incur some administrative cost for looking up records. However, the revenue collected from fees would cover the cost of preparing and furnishing records for requesting parties.

The revenue collected under the penalty provision would depend on the number of limousine carriers subject to fines, as well as the amount of the fine. Based on Article VIII, Section 9 of the Michigan Constitution, fines collected under this provision would be applied to support public libraries.

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