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Senate Bill 770 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator George A. McManus, Jr.
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to develop, and allow the Secretary of State to issue, upon application, a State-sponsored critical nongame wildlife habitat fund-raising registration plate and a matching State-sponsored critical nongame wildlife habitat collector plate (as proposed by Senate Bill 826).

The bill also would require the Secretary of State to transfer to the State Treasurer critical nongame wildlife habitat fund-raising plate donations and matching collector plate donations collected under Senate Bill 826. The State Treasurer would have to credit the donation money to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, for the purchase and development of critical nongame wildlife habitats in the State.

In addition, the bill would require the plate to be of a design determined by the Secretary of State after consultation with the Director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 180, which would require the DNR to purchase and develop critical nongame wildlife habitats in the State. The bill also is tie-barred to Senate Bill 826, which would establish the registration plate fees; allow the Secretary of State to develop a Michigan university fund-raising registration plate, a State-sponsored fund-raising registration plate, and matching collector plates; and require the Secretary of State to segregate donations, create separate accounts, authorize fund disbursement, and report the number of plates issued, sold, or renewed for each fund-raising donation.

The bill would take effect October 1, 2000.

Proposed MCL 257.811I

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FISCAL IMPACT

Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** on Senate Bill 180.

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