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**VERY SPECIAL ARTS SPECIALTY
LICENSE PLATE**

**House Bill 4440
Sponsor: Rep. Jack Minore
Committee: Transportation**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4440 AS INTRODUCED 3-8-01

House Bill 4440 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the secretary of state to develop, and upon application to issue, a state-sponsored fund-raising registration plate and matching collector plate to recognize the "Very Special Arts." The plate would be designed by a child in a Very Special Arts program, and approved by the secretary of state.

Under current law, the secretary of state can develop up to six different limited term registration plates to recognize a state-sponsored event, a Michigan university, or an accomplishment or occasion of a Michigan university. The secretary of state is authorized to develop, promote, and market the fund-raising registration plates and matching collector plates with the funds available through service fees.

To authorize a plate commemorating the Very Special Arts, House Bill 4440 would increase to seven (from six) the total number of specialty fund-raising plates the secretary of state could develop and promote. Under the bill, those making application for the new registration plate bearing the Very Special Arts design would be required to follow the existing motor vehicle registration and re-registration procedure, except that a \$35 service fee would be added to the annual vehicle registration tax for the original plate (\$25 of which would be contributed to the Junior League of Flint, Inc.), and a \$10 service fee would be added for a renewal of the plate. At registration, the secretary of state could issue a temporary permit (without fee) for a period not to exceed 60 days, to be used until the Very Special Arts plate was available. At renewal, the secretary of state could issue an expiration tab.

House Bill 4440 would require that the Very Special Arts registration plate service fees collected by the secretary of state be kept in a separate account, and on a quarterly basis, \$25 of each fee transferred to the Junior League of Flint, Incorporated, and the balance of the fees transferred to the Michigan Transportation Fund. The secretary of state also would be required first to deduct the manufacturing and administrative costs, including the administrative costs associated with issuing, replacing, and substituting the specialty plates.

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