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House Bill 6322

Sponsor: Rep. John Stakoe

Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6322 AS INTRODUCED 8-9-06

Under Public Act 214 of 1974, a law enforcement officer of a village or township who recovers stolen property or discovers abandoned personal property, which goes unclaimed for six months, must report the recovery or discovery to the village council or township board of trustees and request authority to dispose of it as provided in the act or give it to the county sheriff to dispose of as provided under Public Act 54 of 1959.

House Bill 6322 would amend Public Act 214 to apply also to cities and would place the responsibility for reporting the recovery of stolen property or discovery of abandoned property with the local law enforcement agency instead of with a law enforcement officer. In addition, if the property were an abandoned or stolen bicycle, the law enforcement agency could request authority from its governing body to donate the bicycle to a state licensed charitable organization.

(Note: A bill to allow a county sheriff to request authority to donate an abandoned bicycle to a state licensed charitable organization—House Bill 6116— has already passed the House.)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bill would have no significant impact on state or local revenues.

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