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Senate Bill 79 (as introduced 1-25-07)
Sponsor: Senator Ron Jelinek
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to delete a requirement that a vehicle owner, upon receiving a registration certificate, sign the certificate with pen and ink in the space provided. A violation of this requirement is a civil infraction.

(A person found responsible for a civil infraction under the Code may be ordered to pay a civil fine, which generally may not exceed \$100, as well as a justice system assessment of \$40. The person also may be taxed up to \$100 for costs of the action.)

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Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

To the extent that the bill would result in a decrease in civil infractions, State and local units of government would see a modest decrease in fine revenue and Justice System Fund assessments. Fine revenue under the Vehicle Code benefits public libraries, while the Justice System Fund supports a variety of programs in the Judiciary, the Department of State Police, and the Department of Corrections. There are no data on the number of civil infractions issued for failure to sign a vehicle registration.

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