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Senate Bill 187 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Darwin L. Booher
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Eliminate the eight-plate limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- Require the Secretary of State to develop a fund-raising plate and collector plate recognizing Ducks Unlimited.
- Create the "Ducks Unlimited Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require the State Treasurer to disburse money in the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Incorporated.
- Require the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited to use money received under the bill to fund all aspects of wetland conservation, fund education and outreach regarding wetland conservation, and cover its reasonable advertising and administrative costs for the fund-raising plate.
- Require the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited to report annually to the Department of Treasury an accounting of money received and used under the bill.

MCL 257.811e et al.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create a start-up cost to the Department of State; however, the start-up fee of \$15,000 prescribed in the Code would have to be paid to the Department of State from the Ducks Unlimited Fund proposed in the bill. The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate established under the bill would be deposited into the proposed Fund, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments from the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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