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House Bill 4853 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Jim Tedder
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to increase the maximum fee for a motorcycle safety course from \$25 to \$50.

Under the Code, before a person who is younger than 18 years of age is issued an original motorcycle endorsement on an operator's or chauffeur's license, the person must pass an examination as required under the Code, and a motorcycle safety course. Before a person who is 18 years of age or older is issued an original motorcycle endorsement on an operator's or chauffeur's license, the person must pass an examination as required under the Code. A person who fails the examination two or more times must successfully complete a motorcycle safety course.

The Secretary of State is responsible for the establishment and administration of motorcycle safety courses and must promulgate rules regarding teacher qualifications, reimbursement procedures, the establishment of the course, and other requirements.

Except for motorcycle safety courses conducted under Section 811b (which allows private business enterprises to conduct the courses), an applicant for a motorcycle safety course must pay a course fee of not more than \$25. The bill would increase that amount to \$50.

Course fees must be used only for funding the administration and implementation of the motorcycle safety education program.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

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Legislative Analyst: Drew Krogulecki

FISCAL IMPACT

State: The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State.

Local: Although the bill would allow a public entity (a local or intermediate school district, college, university, or law enforcement agency) to increase the fee for a motorcycle safety course by \$25 (from \$25 to \$50), the increase in revenue to those local entities could be used only for administration and implementation of the motorcycle safety education program. The proposed increase in the course fee would be used to cover the increased administrative cost of providing the safety education courses in areas where costs have increased. The bill would have no effect on the course fee that may be charged by private entities.

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