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Senate Bill 878 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator John Cherry

Committee: Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow the Secretary of State (SOS) to issue a temporary civic license plate on application by a licensed new vehicle dealer that donated or loaned a vehicle for use in a golf tournament, charity event, or public civic event.

The licensed new motor vehicle dealer would have to provide in the dealer's application for a temporary civic license plate the name of the event for which the motor vehicle would be used, the date and duration of the event, the number of vehicles to be loaned or donated, the anticipated vehicle identification number or numbers, and any other information required by the SOS. The application would have to be accompanied by a \$10 fee for each temporary civic event license plate for which the licensed new motor vehicle dealer had applied.

Any motor vehicle bearing a temporary civic event license plate authorized under the bill would be restricted to providing services for events for which approval by the SOS was granted. The approved services could include parades, transportation of visitors or dignitaries to and from event activities, use by event personnel or event volunteers, and any other activity for which a vehicle could be required in furtherance of the approved event.

BRIEF RATIONALE

Currently, only vehicles owned and supplied by manufacturers may be lent to charity events. Some have argued that dealerships also should be allowed to loan vehicles to charity events. According to testimony, the bill would codify a practice that has been used at charity events in the past.

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Legislative Analyst: Nathan Leaman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would require the submission of a \$10 application fee for each temporary civic license plate requested. The amount of revenue for the Department of State would be minimal but would be used to cover operational costs.

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