

Legislative Analysis



GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA FUND-RAISING REGISTRATION PLATE

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House Bill 4101

Sponsor: Rep. Pam Faris

Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4101 AS INTRODUCED 1-24-13

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to authorize the Secretary of State to develop a fund-raising license plate recognizing the Girl Scouts of America. The Secretary of State would design the fund-raising plate in conjunction with the Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scouts of America Fund would be created within the state treasury with the Secretary of the State as the administrator. The State Treasurer could receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund, direct the investment, and would be required to credit interest and earnings from fund investments. The Secretary of State would transfer the donated money from the sale of fund-raising plates to the State Treasurer who would credit the donated money to the fund. The treasurer would disburse money in the fund on a quarterly basis to the Girl Scouts of America. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year would remain in the fund and could not lapse to the state's General Fund.

Proposed MCL 257.811u

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4101 would have a nominal fiscal impact on the Department of State (DOS). The Girl Scouts of America would be required to pay a start-up fee of \$15,000 to the DOS within 18 months of the passage of the public act authorizing the Girl Scouts of America fund-raising plate. The \$15,000 does not entirely support the DOS' expenses of creating, producing, and issuing new fund-raising plates. Additionally, DOS would collect a \$10 service fee for each newly issued Girl Scouts of America fund-raising plate. Both the start-up fee and the service fees would be deposited into the Transportation Administration Collection Fund. If the DOS does not issue at least 2,000 Girl Scouts of America fund-raising plates during the first year and at least 500 new plates during subsequent years, it may cease the issuance of the plate.

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