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SFA**BILL ANALYSIS**

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Senate Bills 1083, 1135, 1136, 1137, and 1138 (as introduced 3-8-00)

Sponsor: Senator Mat J. Dunaskiss (S.B. 1083)

Senator Loren Bennett (S.B. 1135-1138)

Committee: Government Operations

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CONTENT

Senate Bill 1083 would repeal Sections 712 and 713 of the Michigan Vehicle Code. Section 712 requires a person driving a vehicle over 10,000 pounds carrying hazardous material to carry in the vehicle certain warning and safety devices (e.g., flares, electric lanterns, a liquid-burning pot torch, red cloths, and extinguishers). Section 713 prescribes the deployment of the devices around the vehicle if it is stopped on a highway.

Senate Bill 1135 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to delete a provision that required the holder of a security interest in possession of a certificate of title to mail or deliver the certificate to the owner by January 1, 1969.

Senate Bill 1136 would repeal Section 304 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, which requires probate courts to report to the Secretary of State all name changes authorized by the probate courts.

Senate Bill 1137 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to delete a provision that allowed a person to renew a driver license with a class 1, 2, or 3 endorsement, 90 days before the license expired, from November 15, 1989, through March 31, 1992.

Senate Bill 1138 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to remove provisions that required the calculation of certain vehicle taxes in 1983 and 1984; and remove language that refers to the Local Road Improvements and Operations Act, which has been repealed.

MCL 257.712 & 257.713 (S.B. 1083)
257.234 (S.B. 1135)
257.304 (S.B. 1136)
257.314 (S.B. 1137)
257.801 (S.B. 1138)

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bills 1083, 1135, 1136, 1137, and 1138 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local government. There appears to be no specific penalty associated with the various sections that establish requirements for vehicle registration, heavy vehicle demarcation and braking, registering of name changes, and vehicle tax calculation. Unless otherwise specified, a violation of the Michigan Vehicle Code is a misdemeanor. Therefore, local units of government would receive the fine revenues or incur the costs of incarceration.

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