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Senate Bill 1129 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Senate Bill 1130 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz (S.B. 1129)  
Senator Cameron S. Brown (S.B. 1130)  
Committee: Agriculture

## **CONTENT**

Senate Bill 1129 (S-1) would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Delete the eight-plate limit on State-sponsored fund-raising plates.
- Require the Secretary of State to develop and issue a fund-raising plate recognizing renewable fuel.
- Allocate donation money from the plate to a proposed "Renewable Fuels Fund".

Senate Bill 1130 (S-1) would amend the Motor Fuels Quality Act to create the Renewable Fuels Fund; and require the Michigan Department of Agriculture to administer the Fund for specified purposes, including the promotion of alternative fuel production and use, grants to improve the production of alternative fuels in the State, and the promotion of vehicles powered by renewable fuels.

"Renewable fuels" would include, but not be limited to, biodiesel, biodiesel blend, hydrogen fuel, and E85 fuel.

Senate Bill 1129 (S-1) is tie-barred to Senate Bill 1130.

MCL 257.811e et al. (S.B. 1129)  
Proposed MCL 290.645a (S.B. 1130)

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate Bill 1129 (S-1) would create a start-up cost to the Department of State. The start-up fee of \$15,000 prescribed in the Code would be paid to the Department from the Renewable Fuel Fund proposed by Senate Bill 1130 (S-1).

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

Senate Bill 1130 (S-1): The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate established under Senate Bill 1129 (S-1) would be deposited into the proposed Renewable Fuels Fund. The Fund would be used to promote alternative fuels through grants and incentives.

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