

Legislative Analysis



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FEE SUNSET EXTENSION

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Senate Bill 1208 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Barrett
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1208 would amend the Sex Offenders Registration Act by extending the period of applicability for the fee assessed for annual registration to the sex offender registry. Currently, individuals initially required to register after January 1, 2023, are not required to pay the annual registration fee. The bill would maintain the current fee amount by extending the date by which initial registration would have to occur for a registrant to be responsible for the annual registration fee to January 1, 2027. The fee is currently \$50 annually. A maximum lifetime cumulative fee amount of \$550 is established in the act, which includes an initial \$50 registration and ten \$50 annual registrations.

MCL 257.2104

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would maintain the current level of revenue collected under the act, to the extent that registering authorities would continue collecting revenue generated by a fee that would otherwise sunset. Of each \$50 fee, \$30 is deposited into the Sex Offender Registration Fund and is used, upon appropriation, by the Department of State Police (MSP) for operation and maintenance costs for the sex offender registry database and the public internet website and for notifications regarding offender registration duties under the act. The remaining \$20 of the \$50 fee is retained by the registering authority (the court, local law enforcement agency, sheriff's department, or state police post). MSP estimates that the resulting revenue loss it would incur if the sunset is not extended would total approximately \$750,000 annually. The estimated revenue loss borne by all other registering authorities would total approximately \$350,000.

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