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House Bill 5008 (Substitute H-3 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Bill Huizenga
House Committee: Transportation
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RATIONALE

Unlike a car registration, which expires on the owner's birthday every year, a motorcycle registration expires on March 31. It has been suggested, for the convenience of both motorcycle owners and the Secretary of State (SOS), that the expiration date for a motorcycle registration be changed to the owner's birthday.

birthday expiration also would eliminate confusion for motorcyclists, most of whom also own cars, and would make it convenient for them to renew both of their vehicles at once, helping them to avoid the \$10 fee assessed for renewing a registration after the expiration date.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that a vehicle registration that was issued by the SOS for a motorcycle would expire on the owner's birthday, rather than on March 31, beginning February 1, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no impact on revenue and would result in administrative savings to the Department of State.

Fiscal Analyst: Bill Bowerman

The bill also would delete a provision requiring a tax of one-half the rate otherwise imposed by the Code to be collected for all motorcycles registered after September 30 for the period ending on March 31.

MCL 257.226 & 257.802

ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

A March 31 expiration date for all motorcycle registrations presents problems for motorcycle owners and the SOS. A single expiration date can generate long lines at SOS branch offices, whereas a birthday expiration would require motorcycle owners to go to the SOS on different days. A

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