

Senate Watch

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

[SB 363](#)

(Allen)

Senate Bill 363 (S-1) would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to include park model trailers in provisions regarding the transport of mobile homes.

"Park model trailer" would mean a vehicle that meets all of the following:

- Is built on a single chassis, mounted on wheels, and designed to be towed by a motor vehicle from time to time.
- Requires a mobile home permit to be towed on a street or highway.
- Is designed to provide recreational seasonal or temporary living quarters.
- When used as recreational seasonal or temporary living quarters, may be connected to utilities necessary for the operation of installed fixtures and appliances.
- Is not a mobile home under the Mobile Home Commission Act.

The Code prescribes the maximum dimensions of a mobile home being towed on a street or highway, provides for special permits for the towing of a mobile home that exceeds the maximum dimensions, prescribes other requirements for the transport of a mobile home, and authorizes the State Transportation Commission to order the Michigan Department of Transportation to cease issuing the permits under certain conditions. A person who violates these provisions is responsible for a civil infraction and may be assessed a civil fine of up to \$500. Under the bill, these provisions also would apply to the towing of a park model trailer.

- The Senate concurred with the House amendments [RC 192: 34 yes, 0 no, 2 excused, 1 not voting]

[SB 409](#)

(Barcia)

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to revise a provision concerning the duration of hunting and fishing licenses. Currently, all hunting and fishing licenses are valid for one year — from March 1 through March 31 of the following year — except for those issued for a designated limited season. Under the bill, all licenses would be valid from March 1 through March 31 of the

following year, or as otherwise provided by order of the Natural Resources Commission. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would designate the period of validity on the license or permit. As amended by the Senate, the bill would require that the DNR report to the Legislature on how it would ensure the proper accounting and allocation of multiyear license revenue at least six months before the Commission issued an order allowing a multiyear license or permit.

- The Senate concurred with the House amendments [RC 193: 34 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]
- IE was ordered

THIRD READING

SB 49 (Kahn)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Department of State to offer an "**I Believe**" registration plate

- SB 49 was passed [RC 194: 28 yes, 9 no]

SB 59 (Jansen)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Increase the current limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates from eight to nine.
- Permit the Secretary of State (SOS) to create a fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing **Habitat for Humanity**.
- Create the "Habitat for Humanity Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require the State Treasurer to disburse money from the Fund to Habitat for Humanity on a monthly basis.
- Require Habitat for Humanity to give the Department of Treasury an annual accounting of money received and used under the bill.

- SB 59 was passed [RC 195: 31 yes, 5 no, 1 excused]

SB 128 (Brown)

The bill, as introduced, would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to design, develop, and issue a fund-raising plate with the words "**In God We Trust**" inscribed on the plate.
- Require the SOS to transfer the donation money from the sale of the fund-raising plates to the State Treasurer, who would have to credit the money to the State's General Fund.
- Eliminate the limit on the number of State-sponsored fund-raising plates that may be developed.

- SB 128 was passed [RC 196: 28 yes, 8 no, 1 excused]

SB 135

(Pappageorge)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Remove the limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop and issue a fund-raising plate recognizing the **Michigan Humane Society**.
- Create the "Michigan Humane Society Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require money in the Fund to be disbursed on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Humane Society for pet sterilization.
- Require the Michigan Humane Society, beginning by February 1, 2011, to submit to the Department of Treasury a summary of the previous year's expenditures of money from the Fund.

- SB 135 was passed [RC 197: 23 yes, 13 no, 1 excused]

SB 199

(Kahn)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Remove the current limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to create a fund-raising plate recognizing **the Boy Scouts of America**.
- Create the "Boy Scouts of America Fund" and require donations from the sale of the plate to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require the State Treasurer to disburse money from the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Boy Scouts of America.
- Require the Boy Scouts of America, beginning by February 1, 2010, to submit to the Department of Treasury a summary of the previous year's expenditures of money from the Fund.

- SB 199 was passed [RC 198: 30 yes, 6 no, 1 excused]

SB 324

(Patterson)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Increase the limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates from eight to nine.
- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop a fund-raising plate and collector plate recognizing **Ducks Unlimited**, and permit the SOS to issue those plates.
- Create the "Ducks Unlimited Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require the State Treasurer to disburse money in the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and provide that the money could be used only to protect, enhance, restore, manage, and acquire wetlands and associated uplands in the State. -- Require the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited to give the Department of Treasury an annual accounting of money received and used under the bill.

- SB 324 was passed [RC 199: 30 yes, 6 no, 1 excused]

SB 571

(Gilbert)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Remove the current limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- Provide for fund-raising plates or collector plates recognizing the **Detroit Red Wings, the Detroit Tigers, the Detroit Lions, and the Detroit Pistons**.
- Create the "Detroit Red Wings Fund", the "Detroit Tigers Fund", the "Detroit Lions Fund", and the "Detroit Pistons Fund", and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the respective Fund, to be distributed to the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, the Detroit Tigers Foundation, the Detroit Lions Charities, and the Pistons-Palace Foundation, respectively.
- Require each of those foundations, beginning February 1, 2011, to submit to the Secretary of State a summary of the previous year's expenditures of the money received under the bill.

- SB 571 was passed [RC 200: 29 yes, 7 no, 1 excused]

HB 4224

(Ebli)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit a truck tractor to tow a log slasher and a saw unit if the length of the units did not exceed certain limits.

- HB 4224 was passed [RC 201: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]
- IE was ordered

HB 4781

(Sheltrown)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to include park model trailers in provisions regarding the transport of mobile homes.

- HB 4781 was passed [RC 202: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]
- IE was ordered

GENERAL ORDERS – (TO PASSAGE)

SB 186

(Pappageorge)

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to create a catering permit and allow the Liquor Control Commission to issue a catering permit to a public on-premises licensee or the holder of another state's substantially equivalent license, as a supplement to the on-premises license, allowing the sale and delivery of beer, wine, and spirits in the original sealed container at locations other than the licensed premises, and requiring the permit holder to provide for service of the beer, wine, and spirits at a private event where the alcoholic liquor was not resold to guests. The Commission could not issue a catering permit to an applicant whose food service establishment delivered beer, wine, and spirits but did not serve the beer, wine, and spirits.

- Committee substitute S-1 not adopted
- Pappageorge S-2 adopted
- SB 186 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Richardville-1 adopted
- SB 186 was passed [RC 203: 25 yes, 11 no, 1 excused]

GENERAL ORDERS

SB 164

(Barcia)

The bill would amend Part 401 (Wildlife Conservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow the DNR to issue a permit authorizing the taking of game with a crossbow by a person who was temporarily disabled.

- SB 164 advanced to 3rd Reading

HB 4145

(Hansen)

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to eliminate a June 26, 2009, sunset on a section regarding the establishment of special rules for the use of certain watercraft on a body of water.

- HB 4145 advanced to 3rd Reading