

# Senate Watch

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## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

[SB 334](#)

(Jelinek)

Multi-departmental supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2008-2009.

- The Senate concurred with the House substitute H-1 [RC 407: 33 yes, 2 no, 2 excused]
- IE was ordered

## THIRD READING

[HB 5122](#)

(Kandrevas)

The bill (S-1) would amend the Highway Advertising Act to do the following:

- Allow the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to issue a permit for a new sign structure for a religious organization sign or a service club sign measuring less than eight square feet.
- Delete the current \$100 penalty for delinquent payment of an annual permit renewal fee, and provide for a \$20 penalty if the renewal fee were not paid at least 30 days before the permit's expiration date.
- Provide that, for permits having the same expiration date, the maximum amount of increased renewal fees for late payments that could be assessed against one permit holder would be \$10,000.
- Require MDOT to notify a permit holder by certified mail, within 30 days after the permit's expiration date, if the annual renewal fee were not paid.
- Allow MDOT to cancel a permit if the fee were not paid within 60 days after the permit expired.
- Revise the luminescence restrictions for signs that change between two or more static images.

- Gilbert substitute S-3 adopted
- HB 5122 was passed [RC 408: 35 yes, 0 no, 2 excused]
- IE was ordered

# GENERAL ORDERS

## HB 4199

(Lahti)

The bill (S-1) would amend Part 413 (Transgenic and Nonnative Organisms) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Prohibit the placement of a boat, boating equipment, or boat trailer in Michigan waters with an aquatic plant attached.
- Require the owner of a public boating access site to post a notice of the prohibition.
- Prescribe a civil fine for a violation of the aquatic plant prohibition and the notice requirement.

- Committee substitute S-1 not adopted
- Birkholz substitute S-2 adopted
- HB 4199 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

## SB 597

(Gilbert)

The bill would amend the Enhanced Driver License and Enhanced Official State Personal Identification Card Act to permit the Secretary of State to assess a fee for the issuance of a duplicate or corrected enhanced driver license or enhanced official State personal identification card. The fees would have to be deposited into the Enhanced Driver License and Enhanced Official State Personal Identification Card Fund. The Act prescribes a maximum fee of \$50 for an original enhanced driver license or State personal identification card or for the renewal of an enhanced license or ID card, and provides for the distribution of fee revenue. The State Treasurer must deposit \$4 into the Traffic Law Enforcement and Safety Fund for each person examined for an original enhanced driver license. The bill would require the same amount to be deposited into the Fund for each person examined for a renewal enhanced driver license. In addition, \$2.5 million from the Enhanced Driver License and Enhanced Official State Personal Identification Card Fund must be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the General Fund, except that not more than \$1.0 million must be credited to the Gasoline Inspection and Testing Fund. The bill would remove those provisions.

- SB 597 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading