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Senate Bill 1046 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Joe Young, Jr.
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit a person who was employed by a diplomatic corps of a nation other than the United States that was recognized by the U.S. government and who was assigned or stationed in Michigan, to apply to the Secretary of State for a special registration plate. The special registration plate would have to have the word "honorary consul" inscribed beneath the registration letters and numbers.

Application for the special registration plate would have to be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, and be accompanied by any proof, as required by the Secretary of State, that the applicant was employed in a foreign consulate located in Michigan. The application also would have to be accompanied by a \$5 service fee.

Upon proper application and payment of the \$5 service fee, the Secretary of State would have to issue one or more special registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person issued one or more special registration plates would have to be assessed the applicable tax under the Code's provisions on vehicle registration fees.

The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate was issued, or by a person who did not qualify under the bill, would be a misdemeanor.

The special registration plate issued under the bill would expire on the vehicle owner's birthday. When new plates were issued by the Secretary of State, the application for a plate's renewal would have to be accompanied by a \$5 service fee. The applicant, however, would not be required to furnish proof that he or she was a consulate employee.

Proposed MCL 257.803q

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FISCAL IMPACT

There are no data to indicate how many individuals would apply for such registration plates. Therefore, the fiscal impact on the State is indeterminate. There would be no fiscal impact on local government.

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