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BILL SUMMARY

- Allows any person to contribute money to the state, counties, or townships to pay the expenses related to the maintenance and repair of highways and roads upon which animal-drawn vehicles travel and specifies how the state and counties and townships must expend the contributions.
- Creates the Animal-drawn Vehicle Highway Maintenance Fund in the State Treasury for the deposit of contributions received by the state.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill allows any organization, individual, or group of individuals to make a monetary contribution to the state or to any county or township to pay the expenses the state or county or township incurs in maintaining, repairing, or reconstructing highways and roads upon which animal-drawn vehicles travel. The bill then specifies how the state and counties and townships are to handle any money received for this purpose.

The bill requires the state to deposit all private money that it receives under its provisions into the state treasury to the credit of the Animal-drawn Vehicle Highway Maintenance Fund, which the bill creates. Money in the fund is to be expended by the Department of Transportation (ODOT) as follows: (1) if the donor has directed that the contribution be used to pay the expenses of a particular state highway, which the bill authorizes, ODOT must expend the contribution for that highway, (2) if the donor did not designate a highway, ODOT must use the contribution to pay the expenses of a portion of a state highway located within the county in which the donor resides or in which the organization maintains property and upon which animal-drawn vehicles regularly travel. The bill allows ODOT to accumulate contributions designated for a particular highway until such time as the contributions can be expended in a meaningful manner.

The bill does not allow a person who makes a donation to a county or township to designate that the funds be used for a specific road or highway. However, the county or township is required to expend all contributions it receives to maintain, repair, or reconstruct any road located within the county or township upon which animal-drawn vehicles travel. The bill allows a county or township to accumulate contributions until such time as the contributions can be expended in a meaningful manner.

Not later than the first day of April of every year, the bill requires ODOT and every county and township that has received money to issue a written report detailing the following: (1) the amount of money received during the previous calendar year, (2) the amount of money expended during the previous calendar year, (3) the amount of money received but not expended during the previous calendar year, (4) the highway or road projects for which the expenditures were made, and (5) any other relevant data.

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