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## ***Detailed Fiscal Analysis***

The bill permits a board of township trustees, by resolution, to remove any vehicle in the unincorporated territory of the township that the board determines is a junk motor vehicle. In cases where the junk vehicle is on public property, the board of township trustees may provide in the resolution for the immediate removal of the vehicle. When a junk vehicle is located on private property, the board of trustees may provide for the removal of the vehicle no sooner than seven days after the board serves written notice of its intention to remove or cause the removal of the vehicle.

### ***New authority to remove junk vehicles***

The written notice issued by the board of township trustees which is to be sent by certified mail, must indicate that the board has determined the vehicle is a junk motor vehicle. Failure to remove the vehicle within seven days will result in the board causing the removal and any expenses incurred in the removal of the vehicle may be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the property.

### ***Paying for the removal of junk vehicles***

The bill allows a board of township trustees to employ the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to remove or cause the removal of a junk motor vehicle. Any expenses incurred by the township as a result of the removal of a junk vehicle must be paid out of the township general fund from moneys that are not otherwise appropriated. Additionally, if the expenses for removing a junk vehicle are going to exceed \$500, the board of township trustees may borrow money from a financial institution to pay the expenses. Any interest accrued on such a loan could also be added to a lien on the property, if a lien is necessary to recoup the expenses of the removal. Townships that wish to utilize this junk removal option will experience temporary cost increases for the removal of those vehicles, but could eventually be reimbursed for those expenses when the lien is paid off.

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