

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

BILL NO. 54-29

INTRODUCED BY: Iancio

SECONDED BY: Gustafson

A BILL TO: Propose Referendum for ASMSU Safe Ride on the Spring Ballot

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, There are no late night transportation options at MSU or within the City of East Lansing with the mission of preventing the incidence of drinking and driving and protection against violence and sexual misconduct; and,

WHEREAS, There are gaps in East Lansing's late night transportation system that limit students' transportation options. Without a renewal of the tax we will be the only school in the Big 10 conference without a Safe Ride service and a way to fulfill this need for students; and,

WHEREAS, Students have voiced concerns about walking home alone from places like the MSU Library, causing an impediment to academic success; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU's Safe Ride Program will facilitate safe and reliable transportation options **HOME** for any MSU student that feels endangered or finds themselves in an unexpected situation. ASMSU's Safe Ride Program will be available to all MSU students in the East Lansing area free of charge; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU's Safe Ride Program has seen incredible success and has provided over 5,000 rides to 7,500 passengers and is a true asset to students and the campus community; and,

WHEREAS, The original \$2 tax referendum passed last Spring was approved with incredible support from the Student Body at Michigan State with an overwhelming majority voting (86%) voting in favor of the \$2 tax and,

WHEREAS, Out of the 95 responses collected this Spring using the Qualtrics Survey tool, so far nearly 90% of students in fact support increasing the Safe Ride tax by \$1 to a total of \$3 per semester and,

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has the authority to propose a referendum on the Spring Ballot for the undergraduate elections and can levy the assessment on all qualified voting students per semester in accordance with University Financial Procedures per Article II, Section 9 of the ASMSU Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, The referendum will authorize ASMSU to collect up to a \$3.00 tax for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years after which the tax will be up for renewal every 3 years alongside the rest of the portions of the ASMSU tax, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED, The General Assembly of the Associated Students of Michigan State University proposes a refundable referendum to be placed on the Spring Ballot for the ASMSU Safe Ride program of up to \$3.00 per student of the summer, fall, and spring semester of the 2018-2019 academic year.

INTRODUCED ON Feb.8.2018

REFERRED TO Finance Committee

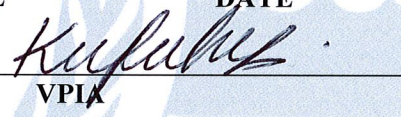
SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Sent to GA **DATE** Feb.8.2018

COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		<u>11-0-0</u>	<u>Feb.8.2018</u>
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		<u>43-0-0</u>	<u>Feb.15.2018</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE



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