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House Bill 4209

Sponsor: Rep. Gregory E. Pitoniak

Committee: Commerce

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4209 AS INTRODUCED 1-30-95

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit a merchant from requiring, as a condition of accepting a check, that a Social Security or credit card number be written on the check. Someone who violated this provision would be guilty of a misdemeanor and could be jailed for up to 90 days, fined up to \$500, or both.

The bill further specifies that certain information on a check would be prima facie evidence of the identity of the drawer of a check, draft, or order for the payment of money that was made in violation of provisions in the act governing the writing of bad checks, including the following:

- * drawer information, if obtained from the drawer and recorded on the check, draft, or order, that included his or her name, address, home or work telephone number, or driver's license number, state identification card number, or military identification card number;

- * the drawer's signature, if witnessed and initialed by the person receiving the check, draft, or order.

MCL 750.95b and 750.131b

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