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## NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRICAL VEHICLES

### House Bill 4766 as introduced First Analysis (5-27-97)

**Sponsor: Rep. Gerald Law**  
**Committee: Transportation**

#### ***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

House Bill 4391 would create a new act that would allow local units of government to enact ordinances allowing certain kinds of electrically-powered vehicles to be used for law enforcement, emergency services, and parking enforcement purposes. These "neighborhood electrical vehicles" are small, four-wheeled vehicles that run on rechargeable electric batteries. They are being used in some parts of the country by law enforcement agencies for crowd control, minor medical emergencies (such as transporting people with sprained ankles), and for parking enforcement (instead of the three-wheeled vehicles still being used in many areas for reading meters). (For further information, see the House Legislative Analysis Section's analysis of House Bill 4391, dated 5-6-97.) Since use of this new type of vehicle by the state's local governments would be regulated under a separate act (created in House Bill 4391), legislation has been introduced to exempt them from the registration and titling requirements of the vehicle code.

#### ***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

House Bill 4766 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to exempt the electric patrol vehicles that would be regulated under House Bill 4391 from the vehicle code's definition of "motor vehicle," which would effectively exempt them from the code's registration and titling requirements. House Bill 4766 is tie-barred to House Bill 4391.

MCL 257.33

#### ***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

According to the Department of State, the bill has no fiscal implications. (5-27-97)

#### ***ARGUMENTS:***

##### ***For:***

The bill is essentially a technical amendment to the vehicle code, exempting a new type of electrical vehicle

from the code's registration and titling requirements, as they would be regulated by the new act created by House Bill 4391.

#### ***POSITIONS:***

The Department of State supports the bill. (5-27-97)

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