

Legislative Analysis



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House Bills 4806 and 4807

Sponsor: Rep. John Stakoe

Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4806 AND 4807 AS INTRODUCED 5-18-05

House Bill 4806 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.601 and 906) to allow a police officer to enter a **private road accessible to the general public** to enforce a violation regardless of where the violation occurred if signs meeting the requirements of the uniform manual of traffic control devices were posted on the private road by the person in charge of the private road. The bill would say the provisions of the Vehicle Code apply to the operation of vehicles on highways and **private roads accessible to the general public**.

House Bill 4807 would amend Public Act 62 of 1956 (MCL 257.951) to permit a city, township or village to enter a **private road accessible to the general public** to enforce provisions of the uniform traffic code or an ordinance under the act if signs meeting the requirements of the uniform manual of traffic devices were posted on the private road by the person in charge of the private road.

(Currently under Public Act 62, a city, township, or village can contract with the person in charge of a private road or parking lot for the local unit to enforce traffic laws. The bill would amend that section to refer to a private road "not open to the general public." It would continue to apply to a parking lot, whether or not open to the general public. Private roads open to the general public would fall under the new language of House Bill 4807 described above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills would have no fiscal impact on state or local governments.

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