

Legislative Analysis



MOVING VIOLATIONS CAUSING DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY

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House Bill 4314 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Sam Singh
Committee: Criminal Justice
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SUMMARY:

The bill specifies that the penalties currently in law for a moving violation that causes the death of another person or that causes serious impairment of a body function to another person would be triggered when a person commits a moving violation *while operating a vehicle upon a highway or a frozen public lake, stream, or pond or other place open to the general public, including, but not limited to, an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles.*

House Bill 4314 amends the Michigan Vehicle Code. Currently, a moving violation that causes the death of another person is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year and/or a fine of not more than \$2,000. A moving violation that causes the serious impairment of a body function of another is also a misdemeanor and is punishable by no more than 93 days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$500. The new language being added, italicized above, is identical to that used in the reckless driving statute.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Given that the bill doesn't change existing penalties or fines, or create new penalties or fines, the bill would not have any new fiscal impact.

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