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House Bill 4387

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4387 AS INTRODUCED 2-26-91

The Michigan Vehicle Code allows a licensed driver to renew his or her driver's license (except for a vehicle group designation or indorsement) by mail once every other four years unless the licensee has any moving traffic violations in the previous four-year period. The bill would amend the act to prohibit the secretary of state from renewing by mail the driver's license of a person over 70 years old unless the licensee, in addition to meeting the act's other requirements, successfully completed an accident prevention education course within six months before his or her current license expired and submitted a certificate of completion with the renewal application. Under the bill, the secretary of state would have to provide a licensee, along with a renewal application, information on the availability of such courses and a person would have to be issued a certificate of completion when he or she passed the course.

The course would at least have to include a minimum of eight hours of classroom instruction, testing of psycho-physical abilities--including depth perception, brake reaction time and night vision--and a review of all of the following:

- * how aging affects driving behavior;
- * the shapes, colors and types of road signs;
- * the way in which alcohol and medication affect driving;
- * laws governing the proper use of a vehicle;
- * accident prevention measures;
- * the beneficial use of safety belts and child restraints;
- * major driving hazards; and
- * how to interact with other highway users such as motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

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