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House Bill 4741

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Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4741 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-91

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the secretary of state, in consultation with the Department of State Police, to establish a motor vehicle theft prevention program in which vehicle owners and municipalities could choose to participate. A vehicle owner wishing to participate in the program would, in the presence of a police officer from a participating municipality, sign an informed consent statement that would have to describe the program and indicate that the owner's vehicle was not normally operated between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. Under the program, if a police officer saw a vehicle marked with a special decal that was operated on a road between these hours, the officer could request the driver to produce a valid driver's license and registration certificate for the vehicle. If the driver could not do this, a rebuttable presumption would exist that he or she was not the owner and did not have the owner's authorization to drive the vehicle. By signing the informed consent statement, a vehicle owner would consent to such actions being taken.

After an owner signed the statement, the police officer would have to affix an official decal to the owner's vehicle in a conspicuous place prescribed by the secretary of state and record the decal number and other pertinent information regarding the owner and vehicle. Police departments in participating municipalities would have to keep records of official decals issued, and such records would have to be made available to the secretary of state, the Department of State Police and other law enforcement agencies. The secretary of state would have to develop informed consent statement forms and official decals for use in the program, and would have to ensure that the forms were distributed to its branch offices, state police posts and the police departments of participating municipalities.

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