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**TRANS. COMMISSIONER FROM U.P.**

**House Bill 4792**

**Sponsor: Rep. David Anthony**

**Committee: Transportation**

**Complete to 5-13-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4792 AS INTRODUCED 5-6-91**

Public Act 286 of 1964, the Department of Transportation enabling act, created the State Transportation Commission and authorizes the commission to perform various functions related to the operation and oversight of the Department of Transportation. The act provides for each commissioner to be appointed by the governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate, and that each commissioner shall serve a three-year term. The bill would amend the act to specify that one member of the commission would have to be from the Upper Peninsula. The bill would also delete language pertaining to the appointment of commissioners by the governor with Senate approval, and language concerning the length of members' terms. (It should be noted that the state constitution was amended in 1978 to provide for gubernatorial appointment of members and for members to serve three-year terms, among other things. The constitutional provisions, of course, would continue to govern the commission's makeup.)

In addition, the bill would repeal a portion of the Executive Organization Act, which was amended in 1975 to provide for the appointment of members to the "state highway commission" by the governor upon Senate approval. (The commission was renamed by the 1978 constitutional amendment.) Language regarding the makeup of a quorum and reimbursement of members for expenses contained in the repealed section would be added to the department enabling act.

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