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## **SEAT BELTS USED BY CHILDREN**

**House Bill 5395**

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**Committee: Transportation**

**Complete to 1-31-92**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5395 AS INTRODUCED 12-11-91**

The Michigan Vehicle Code requires the driver of a motor vehicle to ensure that all children between the ages of four and 16 are properly secured in a seat belt, and that those under age four are secured in special child restraint systems (with certain exceptions). The act provides exceptions to the seat belt requirement if there are more children being transported than there are seat belts available in the vehicle. Currently, these requirements may only be enforced by law enforcement agencies as a secondary action, such as when a driver has been detained for a suspected violation of another part of the act. The bill would amend the act to make enforcement of the provision that requires children between the ages of four and 16 to be secured in a seat belt a primary action. Thus, police officials could detain a driver specifically for a suspected violation of this provision.

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