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House Bill 4511
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4511 AS INTRODUCED 3-17-93

The Michigan Vehicle Code requires the driver of a motor vehicle and each front-seat passenger to wear a fastened seat belt, and requires the driver to secure children between the ages of four and 16 in seat belts. The act also provides various exceptions to these requirements. A violation of any of any of these requirements may only be enforced by law enforcement officials as a secondary action (meaning after a driver has already been detained for a suspected violation of another part of the act). The bill would delete from the act language specifying that a violation of the seat belt provisions may only be enforced as a secondary action and, thus, would allow police officials to stop a driver specifically for a suspected violation of any of these requirements. Also, the bill specifies that a driver would be responsible for securing a passenger under the age of 16 in a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt.

The bill would take effect January 1, 1994.

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