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YIELDING TO EMERG. VEHICLES

House Bill 4588

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Committee: Transportation**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4588 AS INTRODUCED 4-1-93

The Michigan Vehicle Code requires the driver of a vehicle to yield the right of way to an approaching emergency vehicle (i.e., a fire truck, ambulance or police vehicle) that has its flashers activated, and to stop at the right-hand edge of a roadway to wait until the emergency vehicle has passed; a similar requirement also applies to the operator of a streetcar. Someone who violates this provision is responsible for a civil infraction. The bill would amend the act to provide that, in a proceeding for a violation of this provision, proof that a vehicle described in a citation had violated this requirement as well as proof that the defendant named in the citation had been--at the time of the violation--the registered owner of the vehicle would constitute in evidence a presumption that the vehicle's registered owner had been driving the vehicle when the violation occurred. In addition, the bill would make a violation of this provision a misdemeanor, rather than a civil infraction.

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