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## **COMPUTERIZED DRIVERS FILE**

**House Bill 4496**

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**Committee: Transportation**

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### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4496 AS INTRODUCED 3-1-95**

The Michigan Vehicle Code currently requires the secretary of state to maintain a central file of the names of persons who possess drivers licenses, and of all nonresident drivers against whom a civil infraction determination was entered and who failed to comply with an order or judgment imposed under the act. The central file must provide an individual, historical driving record for each person with respect to accidents, moving violations, and revocations and suspensions of persons' driving privileges. At present, all records maintained in the file are kept on paper. The bill would amend the act to require the secretary of state to establish a computerized central file.

Under the bill, certified computer-generated copies of an order, record, or paper maintained in the file would be admissible as evidence into a court of law and prima facie proof of the contents of and the facts stated in the original. An order, record, or paper generated by the computerized file could be certified electronically by the generating computer, and certification, if performed, would have to be of the order, record, or paper as it appeared on a specific date.

A court or the office of the clerk of a state court that was electronically connected by a terminal device to the computerized central file could receive into and use as evidence in any case the computer-generated certified information obtained by the terminal device from the file. The bill would permit a duly authorized employee of a court to order a person's driving record from a computer terminal device in, and controlled by, the court and to certify in writing that the document was produced from the terminal and had not been altered in any way.

MCL 257.204a and 257.207

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