



Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

BILL ANALYSIS

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986

House Bill 4496 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Candace Curtis
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to establish a computerized central file of driving records. A court or clerk of a court that was electronically connected by computer terminal to the central file could receive into and use as evidence the computer-generated certified information obtained by computer from the central file. A computer-generated or paper copy of a driving record would be admissible in evidence in a court proceeding in the same manner as the original record.

Currently, the Secretary of State is required to create and maintain a central file that provides an individual, historical driving record for a person, including a nonresident, with respect to the following: a license that has been issued under the Code's provisions concerning operator's and chauffeur's licenses; a conviction or civil infraction determination entered against the person for violating the Code or a local ordinance corresponding to the Code; failure of the person to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to the Code's provisions on civil infractions (MCL 257.907); a cancellation, denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction of the person's operating privilege under the Code; an accident in which the person was involved; the person's conviction for certain controlled substance violations (MCL 257.319e); and, any other information received by the Secretary of State that must be maintained as part of the person's driving record. The bill would require the Secretary of State to create and maintain a computerized file of this information.

MCL 257.204a & 257.207

Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could result in administrative savings and reduced postage costs (approximately \$14,000 based on the level of acceptance of electronic certification) to the Department of State. The Department of State receives approximately 55,000 requests annually for certified copies of driver records.

Date Completed: 2-5-96

Fiscal Analyst: B. Bowerman

[floor\hb4496](#)

This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan Senate staff for use by the Senate in its deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.