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Senate Bill 287 (as introduced 2-9-99)
Sponsor: Senator William Van Regenmorter
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to create the civil infraction of "aggressive driving".

The bill specifies that a person who committed three or more of the following violations of the Vehicle Code during a single continuous period of driving would be guilty of aggressive driving and responsible for a civil infraction:

- Reckless driving (MCL 257.626).
- Careless driving (MCL 257.626b).
- Speeding (MCL 257.627, 257.627a, 257.628, or 257.629).
- Failing to obey a traffic control device (MCL 257.611).
- Following another vehicle too closely (MCL 257.643).
- Overtaking and passing a vehicle on the right by driving off the pavement or main-traveled portion of the roadway (MCL 257.637(2)).
- Failing to yield the right-of-way (MCL 257.649).
- Improper lane changes (MCL 257.642).

(Reckless driving is a misdemeanor criminal offense under the Code; the other violations listed above are civil infractions.)

Proposed MCL 257.626c   Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

There would be an indeterminate fiscal impact on State government. Amending the Michigan Vehicle Code to create these offenses as civil infractions could increase administrative costs to the Department of State for enforcement of these provisions. There could be computer programming costs to add such offenses to the Code as the civil infraction of "aggressive driving". There would be no fiscal impact on local units of government, although any fines ordered for the civil infraction would be directed to public libraries.

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