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PUBLIC TRANSIT SAFETY VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES

House Bill 5039

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Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5039 AS INTRODUCED 7-12-01

House Bill 5039 would amend the Michigan Penal Code to specify that an individual who assaulted and battered another individual causing any physical injury would be guilty of a felony under certain circumstances. The felony would be punishable by imprisonment for no more than four years, or a fine of no more than \$2,000, or both. The punishment would apply when the injured individual was:

- an employee of a public transit authority who was operating a public transit vehicle, or performing duties associated with the operation of that vehicle;

- a passenger on, or entering or exiting a public transit vehicle;

- in a location properly designated as an area used by public transit vehicles to pick up or discharge passengers; or

- in a facility or area that was owned or operated by a public transit authority (including a parking lot for visitors) and used to provide transportation services to the general public.

House Bill 5039 would define “public transit authority” to mean an entity of a local unit of government of this state, or a combination of local units of government of this state, that is authorized by law to provide transportation services to the general public.

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