VAN ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES



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HOUSE BILL 6238 AS REPORTED W/O AMENDMENT

Sponsor: Rep. Andrew C. Richner **House Committee:** Regulatory Reform

FLOOR ANALYSIS - 10/2/02 Analyst(s): Bob Schneider

SUMMARY

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require that, upon new construction or resurfacing of existing handicapped van accessible parking spaces required by law or rule, parking spaces, curb cuts, and access aisles would have to conform to certain standards specified in the bill. Since the bill does not impose any requirements on existing spaces (prior to resurfacing), it would have no significant cost impact on the State or local units of government. While the bill could impose enforcement costs on the State and/or on local units, these costs would be negligible and likely met out of existing resources.

Existing provisions in the Michigan Vehicle Code would make violations of the bill's provisions a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days. This could increase locally collected civil fine revenue and incarceration costs should violations occur. Again, these impacts are likely to be negligible.