S.B. 1016: COMMITTEE SUMMARY

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Senate Bill 1016 (as introduced 1-30-02)

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Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow an individual to operate an "electric personal assistive mobility device" on a sidewalk or any other public area open to pedestrian traffic. The bill provides that the governing body of a city, county, township, or village could not prohibit the safe operation of this device on a sidewalk or any other public area open to pedestrian traffic.

("Electric personal assistive mobility device" would mean a self-balancing, nontandem, two-wheeled device, designed to transport only one person at a time, having an electrical propulsion system with average power of 750 watts, whose maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a propulsion system and ridden by an operator who weighed 170 pounds, was less than 20 miles per hour.)

Proposed MCL 257.13c & 257.655a

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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