

# Legislative Analysis



## PROHIBIT RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY WORKERS

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House Bill 4889 (Substitute H-2)

Sponsor: Rep. Tom Pearce

Committee: Transportation

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4889 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE 12-13-05

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code. Currently, the code prohibits the Department of Transportation from releasing information to a nongovernmental agency about an accident on the record of a police officer, fire fighter, or a person authorized to operate an ambulance or other emergency vehicle if the accident occurred while the person was operating the vehicle in the course of employment.

House Bill 4889 would add to the list: *an employee of the state transportation department, a county road commission, or a local authority with jurisdiction over a highway if the employee is authorized to operate a motor vehicle or equipment while working within the highway right-of-way.*

The bill would also specify that this prohibition on releasing information would not apply to any of the drivers listed above if the person was convicted on a crime in connection with the accident.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact.

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