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House Bill 5240 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
House Bill 5241 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Brian Palmer
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

House Bill 5240 (S-1) would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Establish speeds that would be "prima facie unlawful" to exceed in business districts, in public parks, and on highway segments with specified numbers of driveways or intersections.
- Designate the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit on highways where another speed limit does not apply as the "general speed limit".
- Designate various speed limits as "absolute speed limits", which would supersede prima facie speed limits.
- Increase the minimum speed on freeways from 45 miles per hour (mph) to 55 mph.
- Require the Michigan Department of Transportation to establish the speed on all trunk line highways within cities and villages.
- Allow local authorities to decrease the prima facie speed limit to 25 mph on streets under their jurisdiction adjacent to public parks and playgrounds, and to 15 mph on streets in public parks under their jurisdiction.

The bill would take effect on November 9, 2006.

House Bill 5241 would amend the Pupil Transportation Act to delete a reference to Section 627b of the Code, which would be repealed by House Bill 5240 (S-1). (That section prohibits a person driving a school bus from exceeding 55 mph on a limited access highway or freeway.)

The bills are tie-barred to each other.

MCL 257.5 et al. (H.B. 5240)
257.1861 (H.B. 5241)

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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