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House Bill 5351 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Pam Byrnes  
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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow an owner or employee of an entity performing construction, maintenance, surveying, or utility work within a work zone to direct traffic within that work zone, if the conditions described below were met.

The Department of Transportation, the local authority, or the county road commission, within its respective jurisdiction, would have to authorize the owner or employee to direct traffic due to safety or work requirements. The authorization could establish the conditions under which the owner or employee could direct traffic, and could allow the owner or employee to direct traffic in disregard of an existing traffic control device.

In addition, the owner or employee would have to be properly trained, equipped, and attired in conformance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The operator of a motor vehicle who failed to comply with the directions of an owner or employee directing traffic under the bill, including a direction made in disregard of an existing traffic control device, would be responsible for a civil infraction.

Proposed MCL 257.611a

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Fine revenue from civil infractions under the Michigan Vehicle Code is dedicated to public libraries.

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