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House Bill 4556 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to revise the training requirement for volunteer parking enforcers.

The Code allows a law enforcement agency or a local unit of government to implement and administer a program to authorize and use people other than police officers as volunteers to issue citations for certain parking violations. Before authorizing and using volunteers to issue citations, a law enforcement agency or local unit must implement a program to train them to do so properly.

The training program must contain at least 40 hours of instruction in parking enforcement, conducted by a law enforcement agency. The bill would eliminate the 40-hour requirement, and require that at least eight hours of the training program be in parking enforcement conducted by a law enforcement agency.

(Under the Code, volunteers may issue citations for parking in any of the following locations in violation of the Code:

- On a sidewalk.
- In front of a public or private driveway.
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- On a crosswalk.
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk or, if there is no crosswalk, within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways.
- At a place where an official sign prohibits stopping or parking.
- In a space reserved for use by disabled individuals.
- In an access aisle or access lane immediately adjacent to a space designated for parking by people with disabilities.
- Where an official sign restricts the period of time for, or manner of, parking.
- In a space or in a manner that blocks access to a fire lane.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on local units of government, potentially reducing training costs in an amount that cannot be determined.

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