

Legislative Analysis



EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE

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House Bill 4723

Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Daley

Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4723 AS INTRODUCED 5-14-14

Currently under Section 320d of the Michigan Vehicle Code, drivers who commit a moving violation can in some cases avoid having points added to their driver licenses if they successfully complete a basic driver improvement course. Also, insurance companies will then not be notified of the moving violation. Drivers are ineligible to take the course to avoid the points in some cases, including (1) if they have three or more points on the driving record, and (2) if they have previously completed the course. (These courses are available through approved sponsors both on-line or in the classroom.)

House Bill 4723 would amend the code so that (1) a driver could take the course without regard to the number of points accumulated and (2) would only be ineligible if they had previously taken the course within the three years immediately preceding the moving violation.

The code contains a number of other reasons a driver would be ineligible for this option, including if the moving violation was a criminal offense, resulted in four or more points being assessed, or resulted in a suspended license in connection with the violation. The bill does not address those provisions.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would not have a significant fiscal impact on the state or local units.

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