

# Legislative Analysis

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## **MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE – SHOULDER HARNESS REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE WORKERS IN WORK ZONE**

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### **Senate Bill 1089**

**(Reported from House Committee without amendment)**

**Sponsor: Sen. Tom Casperson**

**Senate Committee: Transportation**

**House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure**

**Complete to 11-30-16**

*(Enacted as Public Act 460 of 2016)*

### **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

Section 710e of the Michigan Vehicle Code (PA 300 of 1949) establishes a general requirement that each operator and front seat passenger of a motor vehicle operated on a street or highway wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt. The section also establishes specific exemptions from this general requirement. Senate Bill 1089 would add the following additional exemption:

- an operator of a motor vehicle would be required to wear a lap belt, but not a shoulder harness, when operating a motor vehicle for the purpose of performing road construction or maintenance in a work zone.

In House Committee testimony, the bill sponsor indicated that a shoulder harness can impede free movement and limit visibility for workers performing pavement marking operations.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill does not appear to have a material fiscal impact on the state and local units of government.

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