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House Bill 4314 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Sam Singh  
House Committee: Criminal Justice  
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to specify that penalties for a moving violation causing death or serious impairment would apply to a person operating a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public, including a parking area.**

Under the Code, a person who commits a moving violation that causes the death of another person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year's imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000. A person who commits a moving violation that causes serious impairment of a body function to another person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$500.

Under the bill, both penalties would apply to a person who committed a moving violation while operating a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public, including but not limited to an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Under the expanded scope of locations for moving violations proposed by the bill, there could be a fiscal impact on local government from an increase in misdemeanor convictions. An increase in misdemeanors could place incremental resource demands on local court systems, law enforcement, and jails. Any associated increase in fine revenue would be dedicated to public libraries. The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State.

Fiscal Analyst: John Maxwell

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