

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5024

A bill to create the impaired driving safety commission; to prescribe its powers and duties; to create the impaired driving safety commission fund; to provide for use of the fund; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "impaired driving safety commission act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Commission" means the impaired driving safety commission
5 created in section 3.

6 (b) "Marihuana" means that term as defined in section 7106 of
7 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7106.

8 (c) "THC" means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol acid.

1 Sec. 3. (1) The impaired driving safety commission is created
2 within the department of state police.

3 (2) The commission shall research and recommend a
4 scientifically supported threshold of THC bodily content to provide
5 evidence for per se impaired driving in this state. The commission
6 shall exist until it submits the final report to the governor,
7 senate majority leader, and speaker of the house of representatives
8 required under section 4.

9 (3) Subject to subsection (4), the commission shall consist of
10 the following members appointed by the governor:

11 (a) The director of the department of state police or his or
12 her designated representative from within the department of state
13 police.

14 (b) One physician licensed under article 15 of the public
15 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

16 (c) One forensic toxicologist.

17 (d) One qualified and registered patient under the Michigan
18 medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430.

19 (e) Two professors from 2 different public research
20 universities in this state.

21 (4) Only individuals meeting the qualifications under
22 subsection (3) who have significant experience or involvement in
23 studying marihuana, substance abuse, or impaired driving shall be
24 appointed to serve on the commission. An individual not possessing
25 good moral character, or who has been charged with a felony or
26 misdemeanor criminal charge involving a controlled substance,
27 theft, dishonesty, or fraud under the laws of this state, another

1 state, the United States, or a local ordinance substantially
2 corresponding to the laws of this state, is not eligible to serve
3 on the commission.

4 (5) The governor shall appoint the members to the commission
5 within 90 days of the effective date of this act.

6 (6) Members of the commission shall serve on the commission
7 unless or until a successor member is appointed by the governor.

8 (7) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the governor shall
9 make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as
10 the original appointment.

11 (8) The first meeting of the commission shall be called within
12 30 days after the members of the commission have been appointed.
13 The governor shall appoint 1 commission member to serve as the
14 commission chairperson. The chairperson shall serve as the
15 chairperson of the commission for the entirety of the commission's
16 term unless he or she is removed or resigns. If a chairperson is
17 removed or resigns, the governor shall appoint another member to
18 serve as chairperson.

19 (9) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation
20 but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses
21 incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of
22 the commission.

23 (10) The governor may remove a member of the commission for
24 incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
25 nonfeasance in office, or for any other good cause.

26 (11) A majority of the members of the commission constitute a
27 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the

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1 commission. A majority of the members present and serving are
2 required for official action of the commission.

3 (12) The commission shall establish its own procedures and
4 requirements with respect to quorum, place and conduct of its
5 meetings, and other matters. The procedures established by the
6 commission shall at a minimum prescribe the requirements for
7 attendance at commission meetings by members, how meetings shall be
8 conducted, and any policies necessary to carry out the powers and
9 duties of the commission under this act. The procedures established
10 by the commission under this act shall be printed in an appropriate
11 manual and made available to the governor, the senate majority
12 leader, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

13 (13) The business that the commission may perform shall be
14 conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the open
15 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

16 (14) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
17 retained by the commission in the performance of an official
18 function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442,
19 MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

20 Sec. 4. The commission shall do all of the following:

21 (a) Identify sources for grants to assist in defraying the
22 cost of researching the effects of marihuana on driving.

23 (b) <<Subject to an appropriation, fund>> a research program
24 at a public research university to
25 determine the appropriate threshold of THC bodily content to
26 provide evidence for per se impaired driving.

27 (c) Collect and analyze information regarding marihuana-
induced impaired driving and THC bodily content impairment

1 thresholds.

2 (d) Review and analyze research and state laws, in this state
3 and other states, relating to THC bodily content thresholds that
4 provide evidence for per se impaired driving.

5 (e) File a final report with the governor, the senate majority
6 leader, and the speaker of the house of representatives regarding
7 its activities under this act. The commission shall file the report
8 not later than 2 years after the effective date of this act. The
9 report shall include, but not be limited to, the results of the
10 commission's research program, recommendations for an appropriate
11 threshold of THC bodily content to provide evidence for per se
12 impaired driving, and recommendations for further legislative
13 action.

14 Sec. 5. (1) The impaired driving safety commission fund is
15 created within the state treasury. The fund shall be administered
16 by the department of state police.

17 (2) Creation of the impaired driving safety commission fund is
18 contingent upon appropriation of money to the fund.

19 (3) The commission may apply for and obtain grants from any
20 source to carry out the purpose of this act. All funds received by
21 the commission are state funds and shall be appropriated as
22 provided by law.

23 (4) Money in the impaired driving safety commission fund shall
24 be expended only upon appropriation and only in a manner to carry
25 out the purpose of this act. Money remaining in the impaired
26 driving safety commission fund at the close of the fiscal year
27 shall remain in the impaired driving safety commission fund and

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1 shall not lapse to the general fund.

2 Sec. 6. This act is repealed on the date the commission's
3 final report to the governor, the senate majority leader, and the
4 speaker of the house of representatives required under section 4 is
5 filed or 2 years after the [effective] date of this act, whichever
6 occurs first.

7 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
8 date it is enacted into law.