

Legislative Analysis



FLASHING LIGHTS ON VEHICLES IN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS

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House Bill 4176 proposed substitute H-2
Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4176 would amend Section 698 of the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a vehicle used as part of a neighborhood watch program to be equipped with flashing, rotating, or oscillating amber lights under certain circumstances.

Under current law, the use or possession of flashing, oscillating, or rotating lights of any color is prohibited under Section 698 of the Vehicle Code, except under certain circumstances that are enumerated in that section and that largely pertain to emergency, utility, or public transit vehicles.

The bill would add vehicles used by a neighborhood watch program to these exceptions, as long as the vehicle is clearly identified as a neighborhood watch vehicle and the neighborhood watch program is working in cooperation with local law enforcement. Additionally, the lights could only be activated when the vehicle is performing neighborhood watch duties.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4176 would have no fiscal impact on any units of state or local government.

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