

Legislative Analysis



DISABILITY MOBILITY VEHICLES

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House Bill 5834 (proposed substitute H-2)

Sponsor: Rep. Beau LaFave

Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5834 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to create an exemption from the requirement to obtain a driver's license under the Code for a disabled person while operating a disability mobility vehicle.

Section 302 of the Michigan Vehicle Code exempts certain vehicle operators from the requirement to obtain a license under the Code, including, among others, members of the Armed Forces on leave or stationed in this state, nonresidents whose home states do not require licensure, and certain persons operating a farm tractor or implement of husbandry temporarily on a highway.

The bill would amend Section 302 to also exempt a disabled person while operating a ***disability mobility vehicle***.

Disability mobility vehicle would be defined to mean a wheelchair or other mobility device, designed to carry a single passenger, that is powered by a battery, fuel, or other engine, is not able to exceed 25 miles per hour, and is originally manufactured to be used by an individual with a mobility disability for the purpose of locomotion.

The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment.

MCL 257.302

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

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