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Senate Bill 477 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Dale W. Zorn
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Require drivers approaching and passing a stationary emergency vehicle to reduce their speed by 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.
- Specify that a driver would not have to reduce speed or yield when the authorized emergency vehicle was stopped across a dividing space on a divided roadway.
- Extend the current and proposed requirements for passing a stopped emergency vehicle to drivers--except when in a work zone--approaching and passing stationary solid waste collection vehicles, utility service vehicles, road maintenance vehicles, individuals performing surveying work, and construction workers in the process of establishing a work zone.
- Refer to amber lights, in addition to flashing, rotating, or oscillating red, blue, or white lights, in the requirement that a driver exhibit due care and caution upon approaching and passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of those lights.

MCL 257.653a & 257.653b

Legislative Analyst: Drew Krogulecki

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could have a negative fiscal impact on State and local government. More misdemeanor and felony arrests and convictions could increase resource demands on law enforcement, court systems, community supervision, jails, and correctional facilities. The average cost to State government for felony probation supervision is approximately \$3,024 per probationer per year. For any increase in prison intakes, in the short term, the marginal cost to State government is approximately \$3,764 per prisoner per year. Any associated increase in fine revenue increases funding to public libraries.

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