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House Bill 4265 (Substitute S-1)
Sponsor: Representative Holly Hughes
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require a vehicle overtaking a bicycle on the right to pass at a distance of at least three feet or at a safe distance to the right of the bicycle at a safe speed.

Section 637 of the Code allows the driver of a vehicle to overtake and pass to the right of another vehicle only if certain conditions exist. The section also provides that a driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under conditions permitting the overtaking and passing in safety. A violation is a civil infraction.

Under the bill, the driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, when otherwise permitted by Section 637, would have to pass at a distance of at least three feet to the right of the bicycle or, if it were impracticable to pass at that distance, at a safe distance to the right of the bicycle at a safe speed.

The bill would take effect on August 1, 2019.

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Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and could have a small positive impact on local government. Any increase in revenue from civil infractions would be dedicated to public libraries.

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