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House Bill 5100 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Holly Hughes

House Committee: Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Senate Committee: Transportation

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to specify that attaching to the rear of a vehicle a tow ball, bicycle rack, removable hitch, or any other device designed to carry an object on the rear of a vehicle, including the device being carried, would not violate a requirement that a registration plate not be obscured.

Section 225 of the Code requires a registration plate to be attached in a place and position that is clearly visible. The plate also must be maintained free from foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure the registration information and in a clearly legible condition. A violation of Section 225 is a civil infraction.

Under the bill, the attachment to the rear of a vehicle of an object described above would not violate these requirements.

MCL 257.225

Legislative Analyst: Drew Krogulecki

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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