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ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5100 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Holly Hughes
House Committee: Tourism and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Transportation

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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 securely fastened at all times in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which the plate is issued so as to prevent it from swinging. The plate must be attached at a height of at least 12 inches from the ground, measured from the bottom of the plate, 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.

Under the bill, the attachment to the rear of a vehicle of a tow ball, bicycle rack, removable hitch, or any other device designed to carry an object on the rear of a vehicle, including the object being carried, would not violate this requirement.

(A violation of Section 225 is a civil infraction.)

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

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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