

Legislative Analysis



AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO CONDUCT DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

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House Bill 4451 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Gary Howell
Committee: Transportation
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4451 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow the secretary of state to authorize representatives to act as examining officers for the purpose of examining applicants for driver's licenses.

Generally speaking, before issuing a new driver's license, the secretary of state must examine the applicant to ensure that he or she possesses the physical, mental, and other qualifications needed to safely operate a motor vehicle. This typically includes a written knowledge test, road signs test, and vision test.

Currently, the secretary of state may appoint sheriffs, their deputies, chiefs of city or village police departments, their duly authorized representatives, or employees of the secretary of state as examining officers for the purpose of examining applicants for driver's licenses.

Under the bill, the secretary of state could also appoint "duly authorized representatives" to perform those examinations.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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