

Michigan Resource Center for Health & Safety
Legislative Tracking 2007
As of July 9, 2007

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| HB4017 | Opsommer | To establish penalties for failing to use due care and caution when passing a solid waste collection vehicle, utility service vehicle, or road maintenance vehicle. | January 22, 2007 | The proposed penalties for failing to use due care and caution when passing a solid waste collection vehicle, utility service vehicle, or road maintenance vehicle, would be up to 90 days and a \$500 fine, up to two years if the action causes an injury, and up to 15 years if it causes a death. | Referred to the House Committee on Transportation. No action since introduced. |
| HB4018 | Opsommer | To establish sentencing guidelines for the penalties proposed by HB 4017. | January 22, 2007 | To establish sentencing guidelines for the penalties proposed by HB 4017 for failing to use due care and caution when passing a solid waste collection vehicle, utility service vehicle, or road. | Referred to the House Committee on Transportation. No action since introduced. |
| HB4151 | Gaffney | Limit the number of minor aged passengers in a vehicle driven by a person under age 18 with a level two graduated driver license. | January 30, 2007 | To prohibit drivers under age 18 with a level two graduated driver license from having more than one passenger in the car who is a minor unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. | Referred to the House Committee on Transportation. No action since introduced. |
| HB4191 | Lemmons | Revise driving under influence of marijuana standard. | February 1, 2007 | To redefine the standard by which a person is deemed to be driving while intoxicated by marijuana. The bill would create a new legal standard that more accurately reflects whether a person is actually impaired. | Referred to the House Committee on Transportation. No action since introduced. |
| HB4289 | Constan | To revise the conditions that apply when a court orders a person convicted of certain drunk driving offenses to have an ignition interlocking device installed. (These devices prevent the car from starting if the person has a blood alcohol content | February 20, 2007 | The bill would add to provisions requiring the device for at least a year an additional provision requiring that the device not have recorded a blood alcohol content exceeding certain thresholds for a specified period. | Referred to the House Committee on Transportation 2/20/07. On 3/15/07 recommended for referral to Committee on Judiciary and concurred in. |

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| | | that exceeds a certain level.) | | | |
| HB4304 | LeBlanc | Prohibit passing in an intersection controlled by a traffic light. | February 20, 2007 | To prohibit overtaking and passing another vehicle in and intersection controlled by a traffic light. | Referred to the House Committee on Transportation. Bill amended 3/20/07 and then passed on 3/21/07. Referred to Senate on 3/22/07. |
| HB4332 | Wenke | Define fatigued driving as reckless driving in the event of casualty. | February 27, 2007 | To include driving while fatigued in the definition of reckless driving that causes the death of another person. | Referred to the House Committee on Transportation. No action since introduced. |
| HB4446 | Stakoe | Revise drunk driving blood test rules. | March 13, 2007 | To establish that if a person who is arrested for drunk driving and who asks that the subsequent blood or urine sample provided under the law be done by a person of his or her own choosing, he or she must make the request within 15 minutes of initial chemical test, and the test must be done at the nearest open medical facility. | Referred to the House Judiciary Committee. No action since introduced. |
| HB4461 | Rocca | Prohibit the use of cell phone while operating a school bus. | March 14, 2007 | To prohibit the use of cell phone while operating a school bus. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. No action since introduced. |
| HB4468 | Byrnes | Expand highway work zone penalties. | March 15, 2007 | To expand the law establishing strict penalties for committing a traffic violation that injures or kills a worker in a highway work zone, so the penalties apply whether the victim is a worker or some other person. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. No action since introduced. |
| HB4469 | Byrum | Expand highway work zone penalties. | March 15, 2007 | To establish sentencing guidelines for the expanded scope of the law establishing strict penalties for certain traffic violations in a highway work zone proposed by HB4468. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. No action since introduced. |
| HB4536 | Angerer | Expand auto child seat mandates. | March 28, 2007 | To require child safety booster seats for children between four- and eight-years old who are under 4 ft. 9 inches tall and weigh less than 80 pounds. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. Passed House w/substitute H-1 on 6/27/07. Referred to |

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| | | | | | Senate on 6/28/07. |
| HB4537 | Corriveau | Levy fines for child car seat safety grants. | March 28, 2007 | To establish that the fines proposed by HB4536 for violation of the law requiring car seats for minors in vehicles would go into a fund to pay for a child car seat safety grant program. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. Passed House w/substitute H-1 on 6/27/07. Referred to Senate on 6/28/07. |
| HB4538 | Byrum | Waiver of levied fines for child car seat safety grants. | March 28, 2007 | To establish that the fines proposed by HB4536 for violation of the law requiring car seats for minors in vehicles would be waived if the driver acquired the mandated car seat before the court date. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. Passed House on 6/27/07. Referred to Senate on 6/28/07. |
| HB4555 | Jones | Expand auto child seat mandates. | March 29, 2007 | To require that child safety booster seats for children under age 8 comply with federal standards. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. No action since introduced. |
| HB4659 | Stakoe | Allow any health professional to draw blood for drunk driving test. | April 24, 2007 | To revise the drunk driving law to allow "any qualified health professional" to draw blood for a chemical analysis to determine an individual's drug or alcohol content. Under current law, only a licensed physician, or an individual "operating under the delegation of a licensed physician" may do this. | Referred to the House Judiciary Committee. No action since introduced. |
| HB4789 | Scott | Revise drunken ORV operation standards. | May 17, 2007 | To prohibit the operation of an off-road vehicle by an individual under the influence of or visibly impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance. The bill adds to existing prohibitions against drunk ORV operators, and also lowers the blood-alcohol-content (BAC) threshold for ORV operation to .08 grams per 100 milliliters. | Referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Substitutes H-1 and H-2 adopted on 6/12/07. Amended and passed on 6/13/07. Referred to Senate 6/14/07. |
| HB4794 | Schuitmaker | Revise drunken watercraft operation standards. | May 17, 2007 | To prohibit the operation of watercraft by an individual under the influence of or visibly impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance. The bill adds to existing prohibitions against drunk watercraft operators, and also lowers the blood-alcohol-content (BAC) threshold for watercraft | Referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Substitute H-2 adopted on 6/12/07. Amended and passed on 6/13/07. Referred to Senate 6/14/07. |

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| HB4795 | Corriveau | Revise drunken snowmobile operation standards. | May 17, 2007 | To prohibit the operation of a snowmobile by an individual under the influence of or visibly impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance. The bill adds to existing prohibitions against drunk snowmobile operators, and also lowers the blood-alcohol-content (BAC) threshold for snowmobile operation to .08 grams per 100 milliliters. | Referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Amended after both the second and third readings. Passed on 6/14/07. Referred to Senate 6/19/07. |
| HB4813 | Nitz | Revise drunken ORV, watercraft and snowmobile operation standards | May 22, 2007 | To revise the criminal sentencing guidelines for operating a vessel, Off Road Vehicle, or snowmobile under the influence of alcohol, so that they also include operating with any amount of schedule 1 controlled substances in the operator's body. | Referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Substitute H-1 adopted on 6/12/07. Passed on 6/14/07. Referred to Senate 6/19/07. |
| HB4920 | Corriveau | Establish .15 BAC drunk driving offense. | June 13, 2007 | To revise the law that authorizes ignition interlock devices for individuals convicted of certain drunk driving offenses so as to incorporate updated performance standards for the devices which recognize technical improvements, and requiring the new state-of-the-art technology to be used. Along with HB4921, the bill proposes a separate crime covering driving with a blood-alcohol-content (BAC) of .15 grams per 100 milliliters or more. | Referred to the House Judiciary Committee. No action since introduced. |
| HB4921 | Acciavatti | Establish .15 BAC drunk driving offense. | June 13, 2007 | To establish a separate crime covering driving with a blood-alcohol-content (BAC) of .15 grams per 100 milliliters or more. Violators would be subject to a 1-year license suspension, with the first 45 days served as a "hard suspension" and the balance of the year on a restricted license coupled with installation of an ignition interlock | Referred to the House Judiciary Committee. No action since introduced. |

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| | | | | device. | |
| HB4939 | Ebli | Require child car seats be in backseat. | June 19, 2007 | To require drivers to place children under age four in child restraint safety seats which are in the rear seat, if a vehicle has a rear seat. The bill also removes from current law a provision that exempts nursing children from being secured in child restraint systems. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. Passed on 6/27/07. Referred to Senate 6/28/07. |
| HB4982 | Polidori | Ban driving while using a hand-held cell phone. | June 27, 2007 | To prohibit the use of hand-held cell phones while driving. | Referred to the House Transportation Committee. No action since introduced. |

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| SB0082 | McManus | Expand auto child seat mandates. | January 25, 2007 | To require child safety booster seats for children between four- and nine-years old who are under 4 ft. 9 inches tall and weigh less than 80 pounds. | Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. No action since introduced. |
| SB0104 | Garcia | Repeal license if right of way violation causes injury. | January 30, 2007 | To impose mandatory drivers license suspension for a person who commits a right-of-way violation (like failure to stop at a red light) that cause injury. | Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. No action since introduced. |
| SB0117 | Cassis | Allow local governments to set speed limits on gravel roads. | January 30, 2007 | To allow local governments to establish speed limits on gravel or dirt roads that are lower than the state "prima facie" speed limit, which is determined according to how many residences are on the road, regardless of whether or not it is paved. | Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. Passed w/substitute S-4 and amendments on 6/6/07 and referred to House. On reported w/recommendations w/o amendments and placed on second reading. |
| SB0140 | Van Woerkom | Mandate "road rage" training in driver's ed. | January 31, 2007 | To mandate that drivers education courses include training in "road rage," including its "effect on driving skills, and avoidance strategies." | Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. No action since introduced. |
| SB0449 | Kahn | Ban using cell phone while driving school bus. | April 26, 2007 | To prohibit the use of cell phone while operating a school bus. | Referred to the Senate Education Committee. No action since introduced. |
| SB0479 | Kahn | Increase penalties for endangering certain on-road workers. | May 8, 2007 | To establish penalties for failing to use due care and caution when passing a solid waste collection vehicle, utility service vehicle, or road maintenance vehicle, and the vehicle has a flashing light. Penalty would be up to 90 days and a \$500 fine, or up to two years if the action causes an injury, and up to 15 years if it causes a death. | Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. Passed w/substitute S-1 as amended on 6/7/07. Referred to House on 6/7/07. |
| SB0480 | Kahn | Increase penalties for endangering certain on-road workers. | May 8, 2007 | To establish sentencing guidelines for the penalties proposed by SB0479. | Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. Passed w/substitute S-1 as amended on 6/7/07. Referred to House on 6/7/07. |