

Senator Caswell

Driver Responsibility Phase-Out/Community Service
Appropriations Committee

SB 633 (S-4)

- Amends Section 732b of the Michigan Vehicle Code
- Creates a community service program that will allow individuals with certain driver responsibility fees to complete community service rather than paying the driver responsibility fee (DRF).
- The Department of Treasury is required to mail a notice to all individuals that qualify to enter the Driver Responsibility Community Service Program.
- To qualify for community service you must have committed an offense under Section 301 or Section 328 of the Michigan Vehicle Code. Those offenses include:
 - Section 301 (\$150 Driver Responsibility Fee for two years)
 - Driving with proper license/endorsement/vehicle group designator (Secretary of State Code: 3020);
 - Driving while license suspended (Secretary of State Code: 3220)
 - Driving while unlicensed or license not valid (Secretary of State Code: 3010)
 - Section 328 (\$200 Driver Responsibility Fee for two years)
 - No proof of insurance (Secretary of State Code: 3100); or
 - No insurance (Secretary of State Code: 3106)
- An individual that chooses to complete community service would have to notify the Department of Treasury not later than December 31, 2015 and complete 10 hours of community services for each driver responsibility fee within 45 days of notifying the Department of Treasury.
- If the individual elects community service and their license has been suspended they will be able to have their license reinstated by paying the reinstatement fee to the Secretary of State.

- **NOTE:** If a license has been suspended for any violation other than those covered in Section 301 and 328 of the Motor Vehicle Code the license of the individual must remain suspended.
- When an individual completes their required 10 hours of community service they will have to submit a form to the department of treasury verifying they have completed the community service which must be signed by the person with whom they engaged in community service.
 - **NOTE:** If a person is found to have falsely verified community service or an individual falsely requests that a person verify community service that person is guilty of a civil infraction and may be fined up to \$200.
- An individual that enters the community service program may withdraw from the program one time for good cause, as determined by the Department of Treasury.
 - **NOTE:** If the person withdraws from the program for good cause the license will be re-suspended by the SOS and the individual will have to pay the reinstatement fee again when they reenter the community service program or when they pay off the driver responsibility fee.
- The Secretary of State is responsible for creating the driver responsibility community service forms. The Secretary of State and Department of Treasury must make the forms available to individuals. The forms must be made available on the Secretary of State's website.
- Community service is defined in this bill as “engaging in a useful and productive activity without compensation for a person other than a family member, including but not limited to, a nonprofit organization and community service offered through the Michigan Community Service Commission.
- The community service program does not take effect until October 1, 2014.
- Senate Bill 633 is tie-barred to HB 5414