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House Bill 4017 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative James McNutt
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to revise the definition of “authorized emergency vehicle” to delete reference to the Department of State Police in the authorization of emergency vehicles, and provide, instead, for authorization by the chief of a fire department or, in certain cases, a life support agency.

Under the bill, “authorized emergency vehicle” would mean vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, ambulances, or privately owned motor vehicles of volunteer or paid firefighters if authorized by the chief of an organized fire department, or privately owned motor vehicles of volunteer or paid members of a life support agency licensed by the Department of Consumer and Industry Services if authorized by the life support agency. Currently, “authorized emergency vehicle” means vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, ambulances or privately owned motor vehicles of volunteer or paid firemen or privately owned motor vehicles of volunteer ambulance drivers or licensed ambulance drivers or attendants as authorized by the State Police.

In addition, for purposes currently allowed during an emergency, the bill would include in the definition a vehicle that was owned and operated by a Federally recognized nonprofit charitable organization and used exclusively for assistance during that emergency. Under the Code, such a vehicle (as well as a privately owned emergency vehicle) may be equipped with flashing, rotating, or oscillating red lights for use when responding to an emergency call.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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