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TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND CELLULAR TELEPHONES

House Bill 5567

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Committee: Family and Civil Law

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5567 AS INTRODUCED 4-11-00

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to add drivers' license points and increase civil fines for traffic violations involving cellular telephones, and to require a report on vehicle code violations involving cellular telephones.

More specifically, the bill would require the secretary of state to add one point to each conviction, civil infraction determination, or probate court disposition if a traffic violation citation indicated that the use of a cellular telephone contributed to the cause of the violation. The bill also would add \$25 to the \$100 civil fine that may be ordered for a civil infraction under the code (or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a provision of the code) if it were determined that the use of a cellular telephone contributed to the cause of the violation. Finally, the bill would require the secretary of state, in conjunction with the Department of State Police, to report to the Senate and House standing committees on transportation, two years after the bill were enacted, the number of cases in which a cellular telephone contributed to a violation of the vehicle code for which a fine had been imposed.

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