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Senate Bill 396 (as introduced 4-19-01)
Sponsor: Senator Thaddeus G. McCotter
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 205 of 1941, which provides for the construction and maintenance of limited access highways, to require the Department of Transportation to place and maintain on all limited access highways signs indicating exits that were within two miles of a hospital.

The signs would have to indicate the hospital's name and the exit number of the exit that was within two miles of the hospital. At least one sign would have to be placed for each exit that was within two miles of a hospital.

The Department would be required to adopt guidelines specifying the size, shape, design, number, and placement of the signs authorized under the bill.

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Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in additional costs to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) associated with the requirement that the Department place and maintain on highways signs that indicated exits within two miles of a hospital. According to the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, there are 174 hospitals that would require signage. If satellite locations are taken into consideration, over 250 locations would require signage. Based on MDOT estimates for the signs (\$2,000 each), the bill would increase State costs by \$1.0 million (assuming two signs per location).

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