

Legislative Analysis



BICYCLE HAND SIGNALING

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House Bill 4728

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4728 AS INTRODUCED 6-9-11

Under the Michigan Vehicle Code, a person operating a vehicle or bicycle on a highway is required to give a mechanical or electrical signal before safely stopping or turning. Currently if a signal is given by hand, the operator is required to signal as follows: for a left turn, extend the left hand and arm horizontally; for a right turn, extend the left hand and arm upward; and to stop, extend the left hand and arm downward.

House Bill 4728 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to make the required hand signals above applied to vehicles and to provide the following required hand signals for bicycles:

- For a left turn, extend the left arm and hand horizontally.
- For a right turn, extend the right hand and arm horizontally.
- To stop or decrease speed, extend the left hand and arm downward.

(The underlined language is the only difference between the two set of hand signal requirements.)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4728 has no anticipated fiscal impact on state or local government.

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