

Motorist-related Bills in the 95th Michigan Legislature – 2009–2010

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As of September 16, 2010, since start of session in January, 2009. This list includes bills related to the Michigan Vehicle Code, auto insurance, and highway finance and operations, but may not include all bills of interest.

Passed means passed house of origin. *Enrolled* or *presented* means passed both houses.
P.A. Number__ means enacted into law.

Senate

- 37 COUNTY AID FORMULA (Pappageorge) Base state aid to county road commissions on vehicle-miles traveled on county roads.
- 49 I BELIEVE (Kahn) Create specialty plate reading, "I believe." (Doesn't say in what.)
- 87 VOTING ADDRESS (Whitmer) Allow driver-license address to be different from voting address. Also HB 4373.
- 110,111 MEDICAL CONDITIONS (Olshove) Allow voluntary reports by physicians to be considered in suspension of driver licenses for medical reasons. Hold physicians immune from liability for making no report.
- 124,5 OPTIONAL ROAD COMMISSIONS (Gilbert) Allow county boards of supervisors to dissolve appointed road commissions and assume their duties, except Oakland County.
- 127 DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY TAX (Brown+10) Repeal Driver Responsibility Act surtaxes for convictions for no group indorsement or proof of insurance, after 2009. Retain all other surtaxes and points tax, including no insurance and operating while license suspended. Settle outstanding debts for 75% of amount due during 2009 only. Allow payment of entire tax in one year. Make conforming amendments. Similar to HB 4604. Compare SB 317, 566, 894; HB's 4098, 4101, 5603, 6079. Hearing held.
- 131 LITTER (Brown) Include recycling propaganda in driver's-education curriculum. Compare HB 5507.
- 155,6 INSURANCE CLAIMS (Anderson) Require insurers to process claims in good faith.
- 160 M.C.C.A. MEETINGS (Anderson) Subject Michigan Catastrophic Claims Assoc. to Open Meetings Act. Also HB 4471.
- 161 M.C.C.A. MEMBERSHIP (Anderson) Change composition of Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association.
- 165 SELL CRASH REPORTS (Barcia) Charge \$10 for copies of police crash reports. Reported.
- 166 UNIFORM PREMIUMS (Scott) Prohibit home and auto insurers from varying premiums by geographic location of either residence or risk. Compare HB 4253, 4425, 4638. Defeated.
- 201 TRADE-IN TAX (Sanborn) Charge no sales tax on value of trade-in for a vehicle, camper, large earthmover, snowmobile or boat. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564. H-1 passed.
- 254 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET (Gonzales) Fiscal-2010 MDOT budget. Require study of distribution of federal and state road-user fees to roads and transit. Appropriations vetoed for work-zone police overtime and intercity bus advertising. Express nonbinding intent to develop "complete streets" policy requiring unlimited spending for "adequate accommodation" of pedestrians, cyclists and the handicapped on all roads. P.A. 116 of 2009.
- 267 CREDIT SCORING, CLAIMS (Hunter) Exclude unpaid medical bills from credit-rating data

- used to score auto insurance rates. Prohibit use of claims made in setting premiums (leave traffic convictions as scoring factor).
- 274 FREE LICENSES (Scott) Free driver licenses for the poor.
- 276 FREE TO DANGLE (Jelinek) Repeal prohibition on “dangling ornaments” from rearview mirrors, preserve prohibition on obstructed vision. (Legalize fuzzy dice; address 2008 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals finding of vagueness in law.) S-1 passed.
- 277 USED POLICE CARS (Jelinek) Prohibit registration of used government cars without removal of markings. Compare HB 4494.
- 317 REPEAL DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY TAX (Gleason) Repeal Driver Responsibility Act (convictions and points taxes) after Sept. 30, 2009. Halve amounts assessed in 2009. (Provide no amnesty or refunds.) Compare SB’s 127, 566, 894, and HB’s 4098, 4101, 4604, 5603, 6079.
- 325 TRACKING DEVICE (Basham) Prohibit placement of tracking device on vehicles without owner’s permission; exempt police, bail agents, and private investigators. P.A.107 of 2010.
- 341 NEWSPAPER DRIVERS (Kahn) Exempt newspaper deliverymen from seat-belt law. Also HB 4360.
- 354 NO-FAULT TORTS (Anderson) Raise limit of recovery through “mini-torts” for damage to vehicles not covered by insurance from \$500 to \$1,000.
- 362,3 R.V. DEALERS () Regulate recreational-vehicle dealers. Also HB’s 4781,2. P.A. 33 of 2009.
- 377 INCOME-TAX CREDIT (Brown) \$1,000 income-tax credit for purchasing any car in the 2009 tax year that gets over 20 m.p.g. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 388,89 STATE PARK ADMISSION (Birkholz) Extend current state-parks admission system. Delete optional \$10 purchase (amended from opt-out) of state-park admission when renewing license plates, enforced by (probably automated) license-plate checks; \$58 fine for unpaid entry. Also HB 4677, 4678. P.A. 197 of 2009.
- 402 TEXTING (Thomas) Prohibit text messaging on 2-way communication devices while driving, \$200 fine, 0 points. Exempt GPS devices. Unclear if it prohibits hand-held cell phones. Secondary enforcement. Compare SB 417, 467, 468, 989; HB 4369, 4370, 4394. S-3 passed.
- 433 TRUCK BONDS (Sanborn) Require posting of bond equal to fine (instead of twice fine) before moving overweight trucks. P.A. 169 of 2009.
- 417 CELL PHONES (Basham) Prohibit use of cell phones while driving; secondary enforcement. Compare SB 402, 467, 468, 989; HB 4369, 4394.
- 440 INSURER CONFLICT (Thomas) Prohibit insurer ownership in auto-repair shops.
- 441 GRADUATED LICENSE (McManus) Clarify number of passengers permitted under Stage II graduated license.
- 459 SUSPENSION NOTICE (Cherry) Require notice (be regular mail, to driver-license address) of notice of license suspension under Driver Responsibility Act.
- 467 SCHOOL-BUS PHONES (Kahn) Prohibit use of cell phones while driving a school bus. Compare HB 4369, 4370, 4394, SB 402, 417, 468, 989.
- 468 TEXTING (Kahn) Fix fines for texting while driving at \$100 or \$200 for second offenses. Credit texting fines as with other fines (tie to repeal of 3 Driver Responsibility Act taxes removed). Tie-barred to HB’s 4370 and 4394. Compare SB 402, 417, 467, 989; HB 4369. P.A. __ of 2010. Effective July 1, 2010.
- 485 REQUIRE ETHANOL (Switalski) Require gasoline to contain 2 per cent ethanol after 2009.
- 494 SECRETARY OF STATE FEES (Jelinek) Sunset all surtaxes and “service fees” on vehicle registrations, titles, and transfers after Oct. 1, 2011. Extend two surtaxes on vehicle registrations (\$5.75 for Secretary of State and unconstitutional \$2.25 for State Police) and \$3 surtax on title transfers until Oct. 1, 2011. Also SB 495, 540. Compare HB 5448. P.A. 99 of 2009.
- 529,30 VULNERABLE ROAD USERS (George) Create new criminal penalties (\$1,000 or one year) for hitting a bicyclist, pedestrian, or skater. Also HB 4958 and 4959.

- 531 DRIVER TRAINING (George) Require driver-training courses to include bicycle law. Also HB 4960.
- 532 REDUCE PREMIUMS (Thomas) Reduce all insurance premiums 20%, unless it would cause financial hardship to insurers.
- 551 BIOFUELS TAX CUT (Brown) Charge no sales tax on gasoline with 70% ethanol, or 5% biodiesel.
- 559 POLICE-DOG TAX (Garcia) Apply surtax to fines for use of police dogs during arrest.
- 563 CHARITY DONATIONS (George) Extend \$50/person state income-tax credit for donations of cars to charities. P.A.195 of 2009
- 566 NO-INSURANCE NOTICE (Olshove) Require notice on citations for no insurance that failure to present proof of insurance to a court is subject to \$400–1,000 Driver Responsibility Act surtax. Compare HB 6079.
- 574 VETERANS' C.D.L's (Garcia) No CDL road test needed for service veterans. Passed.
- 590 STORED CARS (Jelinek) Prohibit zoning ordinances from prohibiting auto collecting and restoration activities.
- 597 REPLACEMENT LICENSE, ROAD FUNDS (Gilbert) Charge \$30 to replace lost enhanced driver license. Shift \$3.5 million in license fees from General Fund to local roads. Presented.
- 626 RENTAL COSTS (Switalski) Allow auto insurance to recover cost of rental cars.
- 628 MOTORCYCLE TRAINING (Kahn) Create state-approved motorcycle training course. See SB 629, HB 5053. Also HB 5054
- 629 MOTORCYCLE TRAINING (Switalski) Provide for licensing of graduates of motorcycle safety training course, learner's permits. See SB 628, HB 5054. Also HB 5053.
- 672 PARTS CORE TAX (Cassis) Remove sales tax from auto-parts cores.
- 680 ALCOHOL TO MINORS (Pappageorge) Publicize penalties (including loss of driver license) for supplying alcohol to minors.
- 684 CLUNKER SALES TAX (Gilbert) Charge no sales tax on "cash for clunkers" vouchers. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 728 MOVE OVER for MAILMEN (Stamas) Require drivers to change lanes (on multi-lane roads) or slow down when passing stopped mailmen. \$500 misdemeanor or 90 days.
- 735 REGULATE CAR DEALERS (Garcia) Exempt car dealerships pre-dating Jan. 31, 2005 from minimum size requirement.
- 741 PROHIBIT TICKET QUOTAS (Anderson + 12) Strengthen prohibition of traffic-ticket quotas (outlaw use as performance measure for police). See HB 5287.
- 792 GUNS AND PARKING (Kahn) Require businesses and other parking-lot owners to allow guns locked in parked cars; absolve property owners of liability. Also HB 5302. Reported.
- 793 GUN TRANSPORT (Barcia) Allow transport of firearms by direct or indirect routes. Also HB 5303
- 795 INTERLOCKS (Cropsey) Provide penalties for participants in sobriety-court ignition-interlock program; require reports on tampering or avoiding interlocks by convicted drunk drivers. Also HB's 5273, 74. P.A.155 of 2010.
- 859 ABOLISH PLATE TABS (Pappageorge) Abolish license-plate tabs and paper registration certificates. (Rely on electronic data base to check current registration; prepare for automated checks of registration and insurance by automated cameras.) Issue new plates every 5 years. Charge \$10 fee for in-person renewal; repeal requirement for one office in each county or certain cities. Increase fine for unregistered operation to \$200. No change to tax rates. See SB 245 (general-government budget). Compare HB 4634, SB 1415.
- 861 MOTOR CARRIER FEES (Gilbert) Cut annual motor carrier regulatory fee from \$100/truck to \$25. (Cut Public Service Commission and State Police funding.)
- 862 DIESEL-FUEL TAX (Gilbert) Increase motor-carrier fuel tax (but not motor fuel tax on Diesel fuel) from 15 to 19 cents/gallon. Insufficient by itself to raise the tax. Reported.
- 863 LOCAL BRIDGES; DIESEL TAX (Gilbert) Award 2 cents' proceeds from Motor Carrier Fuel Tax

- Act (not Motor Fuel Tax Act) to state highways only for “repair of state bridges” and 2 cents for use on bridges on local roads.
- 894 RESPONSIBILITY FEE (M.Switalski) Allow drivers to pay driver responsibility fees in one instalment. Compare SB’s 127, 317, 566; HB’s 4098, 4101, 4604, 5603, 6079.
- 903 CHANGE VENUE (Jacobs) Change venue for tickets issued by State Police in some counties.
- 920 BEGINNER’S PLATES (Switalski) Identify graduated-license holders with special license plates.
- 977 GRAVEL-ROAD SPEED LIMITS (Cassis) Restore 2006 posted limits on unpaved roads with more than 300’ of roadside devoted to houses (in *prima facie* Sec. 627 only; county-road limits set under Sec. 628 unaffected?). Also HB 5506.
- 989 HAND-HELD PHONES (Switalski) Prohibit use of hand-held cellular phones and texting while driving. Compare HB 4370, 4394; SB 402, 468.
- 1020-29 RE-REGULATE AUTO INSURANCE (Senate Democrats) Same as HB’s 5627–5635.
- 1041 S.O.S BRANCHES (VanWoerkom) Amend rules for siting Secretary of State branches. Compare HB 5649, 5686.
- 1064 INSURANCE (Scott) Create the Make Insurance Affordable and Accessible Task Force.
- 1069 DIESEL IDLING (Basham) Prohibit idling for more than 5 minutes in any 60 by a “commercial Diesel vehicle” of any size including pickups (\$150 fine to truck driver), except 30 minutes’ total permitted at any unloading location (\$500 fine for property owner). No fine for first violation. Exempt vehicles in traffic, and numerous other exemptions. (May be amended.)
- 1106 SEAT BELTS (M. Switalski) Require all vehicle occupants to wear seat belts, except children between ages 8 and 16 in the back seat (?).
- 1164 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET () Fiscal-2011 MDOT budget. Raid transit and road-maintenance funds to increase road capital funds. Compare HB 5889. Passed Senate.
- 1196 UNIVERSITY FINES (Cropsey) Allow traffic and parking fines by state universities to rise to same level as city fines. Reported.
- 1212–17 VEHICLE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE (Hunter) Require return of seized vehicles and refund of impound fees for cars seized from persons not charged or convicted of a crime. Also HB’s 5724–30.
- 1230 JEFFERSON DAVIS FUEL TAX (Kuipers) Require fuel distributors to pay federal fuel taxes to Michigan, not the federal government; defend taxpayers against federal government.
- 1262 AMEND TRAFFIC SCHOOLS (Pappageorge) Change beginning date for Michigan’s (worthless) traffic-school law from Dec. 31 to Oct. 1, 2010. Award part of maximum-\$100 fee to Sec. of State; make other minor changes. (Attendance avoids entry of first driver-license points, but does not reduce points subject to points tax nor expunge record of convictions.) S-3 passed.
- 1267 L.U.S.T. FEE (Olshove) Extend 7/8-cent/gallon leaking underground storage-tank fee from 2010 to Dec. 31, 2012. Also HB 6173. S-1 passed.
- 1308,9 PROTECT DEALERS (Gilbert) Protect car dealers from manufacturers requiring “unreasonable sales and service performance standards.” Also HB’s 6100 & 6099 (passed). Presented.
- 1340 REDUCE PREMIUMS (Clarke) Create Fair and Affordable Insurance Act; cut premiums.
- 1353 INSURANCE RATE FACTORS (Sanborn) Base car-insurance premiums only on miles traveled and convictions, not on driver- or vehicle-related factors. Compare HB 4839.
- 1414,15 AUTOMATED INSURANCE VERIFICATION (Barcia, Cropsey) Same as HB’s 4633,4634. Compare SB 859.
- 1434 TRUCK POLICE (Van Woerkom) Require motor-carrier officers to be trained police officers.
- 1437 R.V’s with TRAILERS (Nofs) Allow recreational-vehicle and trailer combinations to increase from 65 to 75 feet.
- 1448 ALIENS’ LICENSES (Brown) Legal aliens to have different-color driver licenses.
- 1480 ORANGE BARRELS (Nofs) Requires MDOT to buy a yellow light for each orange barrel.
- 1497 D.R.A. LICENSE SUSPENSION (Cherry) Repeal suspension of driver licenses for failure to pay Driver Responsibility Act surtaxes (keep surtaxes in place, but render them unenforceable through driver license, but not through garnishment).

House

- 4028 REPEAL HELMET LAW (LeBlanc) Make motorcycle helmet use optional. Compare HB 4747, 4138, 5254.
- 4037 HYBRID SUBSIDY (Lori) \$250 income-tax credit for purchasing a hybrid, fuel-cell, or alternative-fuel vehicle.
- 4039 REPAIR ESTIMATE (Lori) Increase amount of repair for which a written estimate is required from \$20 to \$100.
- 4070 PREMIUM INCREASES (Rocca) Prohibit increasing auto insurance premiums during term of policy, absent other changes. Passed.
- 4098 REPEAL DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY TAX (B. Scott) Repeal points tax and most Driver Responsibility Act convictions surtaxes (for operating without insurance or license, or operating under a suspended license) except for serious violations (drunk driving or causing injury or death) after Dec. 31, 2011. Halve amounts assessed before 2012, and settle unpaid amounts for 50% in 2011, effective upon enactment (no refund of previously-paid amounts). Credit first \$8,500,000 in revenues to Fire Protection Fund (for aid to cities with state facilities). Compare SB 127, 312, 566, 894; HB 6079. Tie-barred to HB's 4101, 4604 and 5603. H-5 passed.
- 4101 REPEAL POINTS TAX (Jackson) Repeal Driver Responsibility Act points tax after Dec. 31, 2011. (Makes no other changes.) Compare SB 127, 312, 566, 894, HB 6079. Tie-barred to HB's 4098, 4604 and 5603. H-2 passed.
- 4127 VETERAN LICENSES (Rick Jones) Allow driver licenses to identify service veterans.
- 4138 HELMETLESS INSURANCE (Angerer) Require purchase of unlimited personal injury protection coverage by motorcyclists riding without helmets. Compare HB 4028, 4747, 5254.
- 4143 THREE I.D.'s (Jackson) Require 3 forms of identification when replacing a driver license.
- 4152 TRADE-IN TAX (Corriveau) Charge no sales tax on value of trade-in. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4163 HEADLIGHTS ON (LeBlanc) Require headlights to be on when wipers are used.
- 4208 TRADE-IN TAX (Pearce) Charge no sales tax on value of trade-in. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4252 TOLL LANES (Young) Require MDOT to install toll lanes in congested areas, with free use by carpools.
- 4253 INSURANCE TERRITORIES (Young) Disallow residence location as a factor in auto insurance premiums; outlaw rate territories. Compare HB 4425, 4638, SB 166.
- 4336 INTERLOCKS (Lori) Allow restricted driver license after drunk-driving conviction with use of ignition interlock.
- 4343 WINDOW TINT (Green) Require holders of window-tint prescriptions to obtain rear-window sticker from Sec. of State, and remove tint upon sale of car; \$200 fine for misuse. Allow household members to operate cars with prescription tint; \$300 fine for violation.
- 4360 NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES (Ball) Exclude newspaper drivers from seatbelt law. Also SB 341.
- 4370 TEXTING WHILE DRIVING (Polidori) Assign no points for text messaging while driving. Tie-barred to HB 4394, SB 468. Compare HB 4369, SB 402, 417, 467, 989. P.A. ___ of 2010.
- 4373 VOTING ADDRESS (Warren) Allow driver-license address to be different from voting address. Also SB 87.
- 4394 TEXTING WHILE DRIVING (Gonzales) Prohibit writing or reading text messages over a hand-held or laptop device while operating a moving vehicle; exempt GPS devices. Primary enforcement. Tie-barred to HB 4370, SB 468. Compare SB 402, 417, 467, 989; HB 4369, 4370. P.A. 60 of 2010. Effective July 1, 2010.
- 4400 ABANDONED-VEHICLE FEE (Kandrevas) \$25 assessment to local police agency upon conviction for abandoning a vehicle. Reported to Senate.
- 4417 DRIVER'S ED. CARS (Booher) Require flashing yellow light on driver-training cars.

- 4422 PREMIUM DISCOUNT (Young) Require 10% premium discount for drivers with up to 4 ticket convictions or at-fault wrecks.
- 4423 M.C.C.A. NOTICES (Bauer) Regulate appearance of MCCA charges on premium notices.
- 4424 REGULATE INSURANCE (Jackson) Allow refunds of discriminatory or excessive premiums. Reported.
- 4425 REGULATE INSURANCE (Young) Reregulate auto insurance premiums. Compare SB 166, HB 4253, 4425, 4638.
- 4426 AUDIT M.C.C.A. (Gonzales) Require annual audit of MCCA. H-1 passed.
- 4427 M.C.C.A. MEETINGS (Segal) Subject MCCA to Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts. H-2 passed.
- 4429 M.C.C.A. BOARD (LeBlanc) Add three members of the general public to the MCCA board, along with insurers. H-1 passed.
- 4450 CHILD SEATS (DeShazor) Require child safety seats to be in the rear seat. Repeal nursing-mother exemption from seat-belt law. P.A. 57 of 2009.
- 4471 M.C.C.A. MEETINGS (Scripps) Include Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association in Open Meetings Act. Also SB 160. Compare HB 4427. Passed House.
- 4493 BEGINNER'S PASSENGERS (LeBlanc) Restrict Level 2 beginning drivers to 1 unrelated passenger under age 21; prohibit cell-phone use by drivers under 17. H-2 reported.
- 4494 USED POLICE CARS (LeBlanc) Prohibit registration of used police cars without removal of markings. Compare SB 277.
- 4507 THUMB O.R.V's (Espinoza) Add Montcalm, Gratiot, Saginaw, Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and St. Clair Counties to law allowing ORV use on local roads (not shoulders) at local option. P.A.179 of 2009.
- 4519 REPAIR ESTIMATES (Lindberg) Raise amount below which written auto-repair estimates aren't needed from \$20 to \$75.
- 4524 BIG THREE TAX CREDIT (Polidori) Allow \$1,000 income-tax credit for purchase of vehicles from GM, Ford, and Chrysler. Compare SB 377.
- 4556 PARKING VIGILANTES (Green) Require 8 hours' training in parking enforcement for volunteer meter maids. Passed House.
- 4564 SALES TAX (Hildenbrand) Exempt new cars from sales tax. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4603 FUEL TAXES (Cushingberry) Raise gasoline and Diesel taxes by 50 cents/gallon, to 68.7 and 65 cents respectively. (Cost typical driver \$130/year more. Compare Administration proposal.)
- 4604 REPEAL POINTS TAX (Kowall + 25) Repeal Driver Responsibility Act points tax after 2009. Retain all other surtaxes. Make conforming amendments to new drunk-driving law for \$2,000 surtaxes. Credit first \$8,500,000 to Fire Protection Fund for cities with state facilities. Compare SB 317, 894, HB 6079. Tie-barred to HB's 4098, 4101, and 5603. H-4 passed.
- 4605 SALES TAX ON REBATES (Kowall) Charge no sales tax on rebates used to pay for new cars. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4614 MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS (Dean+15) Define "aggressive driving" as 2 violations in a "single continuous period of driving," including speeding, violating a traffic-control device, tailgating, passing on the shoulder, or serious violations. Up to \$2,500 fine or 180 days.
- 4633 AUTOMATED INSURANCE PROOF (Johnson) Require insurers to provide paperless proof of insurance to National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). See HB 4634, SB's 1414,1415.
- 4634 AUTOMATED INSURANCE VERIFICATION (Johnson) Repeal requirement to produce paper proof of insurance upon police request. Require vehicle owners to give notice by any means that insurance is in effect; create new civil infraction making vehicle owners responsible for failure to provide insurance. Require MSP to contract to maintain database of insurance policies on all vehicles, updated daily. Allow police and "authorized individuals" (camera contractors) to query insurance status through NLETS. (Prepare for automated issuance of no-

- insurance tickets by mail using roadside cameras. Uninsured operators (but not registrants) continue to be liable to \$400–1,000 Driver Responsibility Act surtaxes.). Allow State Police to issue tickets for uninsured operation by mail to registrants in other states and provinces (not Michigan, but vehicles from other states not subject to Michigan insurance mandate). Create Insurance Verification Fund (no revenue source) to pay for contract. See HB 4633. Also SB's 1414,1415. Compare SB 859.
- 4638 PROHIBIT TERRITORIES (Johnson) Prohibit insurance rate territories. Compare SB 166, HB 4253, 4425.
- 4644 TRUANCY (Johnson) Suspend driver's license for 6 months for truancy. Re-referred.
- 4653 PROHIBIT V.M.T. TAX (Opsommer) Prohibit road-use charging through recording of vehicle travels. (Accidentally repeal Diesel fuel tax for interstate trucks.) Re-referred to Transportation.
- 4678 STATE PARK FEE (Meekhof) Add \$10 (inflating with C.P.I.) to each noncommercial license-plate tax and \$5 for motorcycles for admission to state parks, campgrounds and forests, plus contributions to historic sites and local parks. Allow opting out. (May be camera-enforced.) Compare SB 388–9. H-2 passed. See HB 5752 (P.A's 32–34 of 2010).
- 4679 INCOME-TAX CREDIT (Haugh) \$1,000 income-tax credit for purchasing any new vehicle made in the U.S. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4680 BODILY INJURY (Meadows) Broaden definition of *bodily injury* eligible for tort suits under no-fault (undo *Kreiner* decision). Passed.
- 4701 INTEREST DEDUCTION (Horn) Allow state income-tax deduction for vehicle interest. Compare SB 201, 377, HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825.
- 4702 INCOME-TAX CREDIT (Crawford) Income-tax credit for sales tax paid on new cars. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4703 TRADE-IN TAX (Horn) Charge no sales tax on value of trade-in. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4726 PARKING TICKETS (R. Schmidt) Reduce from 6 to 3 the number of unpaid parking tickets before driver-license renewal can be withheld at request of court and before \$45 clearance fee is incurred. (Probably applies to current unpaid tickets.) S-1 defeated 14–23.
- 4747 HELMET LAW (LeBlanc) Repeal motorcycle helmet law for riders over 21 and with \$20,000' worth of insurance. Compare HB 4028, 4138, 5254. Passed.
- 4748 LANE CHANGES (LeBlanc) Prohibit lane changes within intersections controlled by a traffic-control device.
- 4781,2 R.V. DEALERS (Sheltrown) Regulate recreational-vehicle dealers. Also SB's 362,3. P.A. 32 of 2009.
- 4800 TRADE-IN TAX (Proos) Charge no sales tax on value of trade-in for electric or hybrid vehicles. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4825 VEHICLE SALES TAX (Meltzer) Charge no sales tax on new motor vehicles in 2009 and 2010. Compare SB 201, 377, 684; HB 4152, 4208, 4564, 4605, 4679, 4701-3, 4800, 4825, 4564.
- 4839 MILES-BASED PREMIUMS (Young) Abolish all insurance-rating criteria (convictions, crashes, age, location, vehicle type) except average weekly or annual miles driven.
- 4844 INSURANCE DEALING (Nathan) Require insurers to deal fairly and in good faith with injured claimants. Also HB 5020.
- 4845 CLAIM TIME LIMIT (Scripps) Prevent delays by insurers from reducing 1-year time limit for filing claims or suits. Also HB 5033. Reported.
- 4846 UNFAIR PRACTICES (Slezak) Double fines for unfair or deceptive practices by insurers.
- 4862 TEACHER TRAINING (Agema) Repeal 2-week minimum length for driver-ed. teacher training courses.
- 4907 BARE-HEAD TAX (LeBlanc) Allow motorcycle riding without a helmet upon payment of \$200 for 3-year permit, for riders over 21 with 2 years' experience and \$20,000' worth of medical

- coverage, \$300 fine for violation. \$200 fine for riding without motorcycle indorsement. Exempt riders from other states from helmet law.
- 4944 HALF-YEAR REGISTRATIONS (W. Schmidt) Allow pro-rated 6-month vehicle registrations. Also HB 6054.
- 4948,9 VIDEO DISPLAYS (Geiss) Increase penalties for crashes involving in-car video displays.
- 4953,4 DIESEL FUEL SALES TAX (Angerer) Credit sales tax on Diesel fuel for interstate trucks to Transportation Fund (not School Aid Fund and revenue sharing). Likely to be amended to make motor carrier fuel tax payable quarterly by mail.
- 4955 VETERANS' PLATES (Horn) Remove \$5 fee from veterans' specialty plates.
- 4958, 59 VULNERABLE ROAD USERS (Knollenberg) Create new criminal penalties (\$1,000 or one year) for hitting a bicyclist, pedestrian, or skater. Also SB 529 & 530. Hearing held.
- 4960 DRIVER TRAINING (Leland) Require driver-training courses to include bicycle law. Also SB 531.
- 4961 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS; TOLLS (Gonzales) Enable MDOT to conclude public-private partnerships for privately-financed and operated public roads, including high-occupancy/toll lanes and new Detroit River bridge. Allow tolls on other than existing lanes. H-6 passed; Senate hearings held.
- 4978 RACIAL PROFILING (Jackson) Require race of driver to be noted on citations.
- 4984 REPAIR SHOPS (Jackson) Prohibit insurer interest in repair shops; allow insurers to have preferred list of shops. Require savings over \$25 to be refunded to claimant. H-1 adopted.
- 4989-92 INSTALLMENT SALES (Johnson) Amend requirements for time payments for autos.
- 5017 RENTAL-CAR TAX (Stanley) \$2.50/day tax on cars rented within 5 miles of airports, yielding \$13 million/year for tourism promotion and business development. Also HB 5909. H-4 passed. May be replaced with General Fund appropriation.
- 5020 INSURANCE CLAIMS (Valentine) Require insurers to deal fairly and in good faith with claimants. Also HB 4844.
- 5036 S.L.A.P.P. SUITS (Ebli) Require dismissal of strategic lawsuits against public participation (such as libel suits by towing or traffic-camera firms) retaliating for speaking in public forums on governmental actions or use of right of petition; award 3X damages plus costs, or \$5,000. Amended to accommodate social networking. H-2 passed.
- 5053 MOTORCYCLE TRAINING (Switalski) Provide for licensing of graduates of motorcycle safety training course, learner's permits. See SB 628, HB 5054. Also SB 629.
- 5054 MOTORCYCLE TRAINING (Rick Jones) Create state-approved motorcycle training course. See. SB 629, HB 5053. Also SB 628.
- 5072 REDUCE ROAD FUNDS (Gonzales) Reduce economic-development roads appropriation by \$12,000,000 in Fiscal 2009 and 2010, for General Fund. P.A. 136 of 2009. Compare HB 5312.
- 5073 REDUCE ROAD FUNDS. (Gonzales) Shift \$18,000,000 in driver-license-surtax revenues from 2009 and prior years from local roads to General Fund in Fiscal 2009 and 2010. P.A. 137 of 2009. Compare HB 5312.
- 5123 ATTORNEY MAGISTRATES (LeBlanc) Require magistrates (as at informal ticket hearings) to be licensed attorneys.
- 5140 REMOVE CRASHED CARS (Byrnes) Require removal of crashed cars from traveled lanes, if drivable. P.A. 10 of 2010.
- 5143 CITY ABSOLUTE SPEED LIMITS (Dean plus 23) Enable cities and villages to set absolute speed limits; allow cities to control speed limits on state trunklines and county roads jointly with State Police, based on an engineering and traffic study. Allow *prima facie* limits below 25 m.p.h. in subdivisions and business districts.
- 5144-51 INSURANCE CLAIMS (House Democrats) Regulate treatment of insurance claims, make it a felony to deny claims, require good-faith dealing. Also HB's 4244, 4844, 4846, 5020. Package passed House. Compare HB's 5627-35.
- 5176-79 PAROLEES' LICENSES (Amash) Make it easier for persons released from prison to submit

- identification to get driver licenses. Passed.
- 5198,99 SALE TO MINORS (Haugh) Six-month driver-license suspension for persons other than retailers delivering alcohol to minors. Passed House.
- 5240 SIGNALS (DeShazor) Require notice to local jurisdiction of removal or changes to (traffic signals?) or one-way signs on state highways.
- 5254 HELMETS (Meltzer) Repeal motorcycle helmet law. Compare HB's 4028, 4136, 4747.
- 5273 INTERLOCKS (Corriveau) Require reports on tampering or avoiding ignition interlocks by convicted drunk drivers. Also SB's 794, 795. P.A.154 of 2010.
- 5274 INTERLOCK PENALTIES (Lipton) Allow limited driving with interlocks for DUI convicts, fix penalties for repeat offenders in DWI courts. Passed both.
- 5287 TICKET QUOTAS (LeBlanc) Prohibit traffic-ticket quotas for police, except for traffic cops. Amended and reported. Compare HB 741.
- 5292 ROAD and TRANSIT SPENDING (Agema) Shift \$30,000,000/year in auto-related sales tax from public transit to road spending.
- 5297 PROHIBIT CREDIT SCORING (Neumann) Prohibit use of credit scores for auto insurance rates and eligibility.
- 5302 GUNS AND PARKING (Opsommer) Require businesses and other parking-lot owners to allow guns locked in parked cars; absolve property owners of liability. Also SB 792. Reported.
- 5303 GUN TRANSPORT (Sheltrown) Allow transport of firearms by direct or indirect routes. Also SB 793. Reported.
- 5312 LICENSE FEES FOR ROADS (Bolger) Require 1987 driver-license-fee increases to go to roads, instead of General Fund. Compare HB's 5072 and 5073.
- 5383 REQUIRE LOW-CARBON FUEL (Gonzales) Mandate 10% of vehicle fuels to be "low-carbon" as defined by Michigan DEQ by 2020. \$10,000/day fines for selling wrong fuel.
- 5391-93 INTERSTATE TRUCK SALES TAX (Jackson) Apply sales and use taxes to interstate trucks and trailers; allow annual tax credit for mileage traveled in Michigan.
- 5448 EXTEND LICENSE SURTAXES (LeBlanc) Repeal Oct. 1, 2009 sunset of General Fund surtaxes on driver and chauffeur licenses, indorsements, and auto-dealer and scrapyards licenses. Compare SB 494 (extend \$5.75 registration surtax). Reported, re-referred.
- 5460 REDUCE ROAD FUNDING (Byrnes) Amend Act 51 user-fee distribution formula: abolish 3-cents' 3-way distribution (increase transit share of formula from 8.6% to roughly 9.6%). Abolish transfers to Treasury, and Secretary of State. Increase Grade Crossing Account from \$3 to \$6 million/year.
- 5506 GRAVEL-ROAD SPEED LIMITS (Kowall + 17) Restore 2006 posted limits on unpaved roads with more than 300' of roadside devoted to houses (in *prima facie* Sec. 627 only; county-road limits set under Sec. 628 unaffected?). Also SB 977.
- 5507 DRIVER-ED. CONTENT (Johnson) Require driver-ed. students to hear propaganda on fuel efficiency, recycling, and public transit. Compare SB 131.
- 5527-29 SERVICES TAX (Meadows) Reduce sales tax to 5% (including on cars and fuel). Apply 5% tax to sales of services to consumers (not businesses), including auto repair.
- 5562 GAS STATIONS (Young) Require gas stations to have at least one full-service pump.
- 5580 DIGITAL BILLBOARDS (Warren) Restrict illuminated and changeable billboards outside cities. Reported.
- 5582 INSURANCE TERRITORIES (Lemmons) Prevent insurance rate territories from varying by more than 2 per cent.
- 5600 UNPAVED ROAD SPEED LIMITS (McMillin) Restore pre-2006 speed limits posted on unpaved roads lined with houses or businesses in Oakland County. Signs to be at local-government expense. Void upon completion of speed studies on all affected roads in county.
- 5603 DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY ACT (Johnson) Repeal points tax after 2009. Repeal DRA surtaxes after 2009 for operating without insurance or license and operating under a suspended license; preserve surtaxes for convictions for serious offenses (drunk driving or causing injury or death).

- Conform \$2,000 surtax to new drunk-driving law. Credit first \$8,500,000 to Fire Protection Fund (for cities with state facilities). Compare SB's 127, 317, 566, 894; HB 6079. Tie-barred to HB's 4098, 4101, and 4604. H-6 passed.
- 5627 REGULATE INSURANCE (Roberts) Require Insurance Commissioner to approve rates. Also SB 1028. Reported.
- 5628 LOW-COST INSURANCE (Valentine) Test in 4 locales of \$600/year minimal insurance for drivers at less than 250% of federal poverty line, low-value cars, and no convictions. Preserve unlimited MCCA coverage. Also SB 1020. Reported.
- 5629 INSURANCE COMPETITION (Lipton) Eliminates requirement to find competition in insurance market. Also SB 1022. Reported.
- 5630 INSURANCE NOTICE (Young) Requires public notice of rate increases. Also SB 1024. Reported.
- 5631 NO-FAULT (Melton) Allows tort recovery of damages to motor vehicles. Also SB 1029. Passed.
- 5632 REVOLVING DOOR (Scripps) Prohibit former insurance regulators from working for insurers for 2 years after leaving office. Also SB 1027. Passed.
- 5633 INSURANCE PREMIUMS (Segal) Prohibit insurance premium increases based on not-at-fault accidents. Also SB 1026. Passed.
- 5634 CREDIT SCORES (Stanley) Prohibit use of credit scores, occupation, and level of education in setting insurance rates. Also SB 1021. Passed.
- 5635 INFORMATION SHARING (Brown, L.) Regulates sharing of nonpublic personal financial information (as between insurers). Passed.
- 5649 S.O.S. BRANCH COST (Angerer) Separately report cost of each Secretary of State branch office.
- 5686 S.O.S. BRANCH (Angerer) Require Secretary of State to keep branch in Bedford Township. Passed House.
- 5724-30 VEHICLE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE (Leland, Geiss, Scott, Melton) Require return of seized vehicles and refund of impound fees for cars seized from persons not charged or convicted of a crime. Also SB's 1212–1217. HB 5724 H-3 reported.
- 5752 STATE PARKS PASS (Meekhof) Create Public Recreation Facilities Fund and appropriate revenues. (Replaces original SB 388.) Award up to \$1,000,000 to Secretary of State for cost of collection. Require audit of unpaid park entry. Mail explanation of parks passport with registrations. Tie-barred to SB 389, 1057; compare HB 4677, 4678. P.A's 32–34 of 2010.
- 5768 FUEL-TAX INCREASE (Ball) Two four-cent increases in the gasoline tax, and two six-cent increases in the Diesel-fuel tax, on March 1, 2010 and Jan. 1, 2013, to 27 cents/gallon.
- 5769 MOTOR CARRIER TAX INCREASE (Byrnes) Conform Motor Carrier Tax Act to HB 5768.
- 5770 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT FUND (Ball) Amend Act 51 to create Transportation Investment Fund to receive and distribute fuel-tax increases, according to Act 51 formula (35/35/20/10). Create 5-person commission to study “alternative fuel-tax structures.”
- 5774-76 ELECT ROAD COMMISSIONS (U.P. legislators) Allow election of county road commissioners from geographic districts.
- 5784 TURN YOURSELF IN (Lori) Require motorists to report in person to Secretary of State's office following any traffic stop, or crash involving injury or more than \$1,000 damage, for verification of insurance; <\$500 fine or 93 days for failure to report.
- 5805 OBSERVATION TIME (Meadows) Eliminate requirement to ride along in the back seat of a driver-education car for 4 hours.
- 5810 SERVICES TAX (Smith) Impose 5.5% services tax, probably including auto repair and rental.
- 5888 STATE POLICE BUDGET, FINE SURTAX (LeBlanc) Fiscal-2011 MSP budget. Delete requirement to increase surtax on traffic fines from \$40 to \$45 (on 1.2 million tickets/year), for State Police. Passed Senate. Non-concurred in.
- 5889 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET (Gonzales) Fiscal 2011 MDOT budget. Shift \$1,000,000 from local roads to Woodward Avenue streetcar. Deleted by Senate: shift \$84,000,000 from General Fund to state highway construction, favor “complete-streets” ordinances requiring new

- sidewalks. Tie-bar deleted to HB 5768-9 (fuel-tax increases). Amendments failed to shift \$20 million from transit, \$75 million in tobacco-tax money from 21st Century Jobs Fund, and \$9 million in health funds to highways. Compare SB 1164. House conferees named.
- 5897 DOUBLE REGISTRATION TAX (Cushingberry) Increase motorcycle and *ad valorem* auto registrations in five steps by 50% in 2012 and 90% in 2014, plus an average \$7.50 more for cars costing under \$51,000, (effectively double annual tax to about \$200 for typical cars). Increase Secretary of State fee from \$5.75/year to \$7.75 and apply to all vehicles except historic. Four increases of 5% each until 2014 for pre-1984 cars, weight-based trucks, trailers, and all other vehicles. Increase plate-transfer fee (as to new car) from \$8 to \$30. Charge new tax (on higher-value vehicle) immediately upon plate transfer; repeal refunds for transfer to lower-tax vehicle. Charge historic vehicles \$30/year (instead of \$30/10 years, or \$35/permanent).
- 5913 SEAT BELTS (Lipton) Require rear-seat occupants to wear seat belts.
- 5961 ANONYMOUS TIPS (Lemmons) Give police “reasonable cause” to arrest drivers on suspicion of operating while intoxicated on the basis of anonymous tips.
- 5988 TRANSIT PROJECTS (W.Schmidt) Allow Transportation Economic Development Fund to be used for transit stations as well as local roads.
- 5996 FULL-SERVICE PUMPS (Johnson) Require at least 1 full-service pump at each gas station for the handicapped.
- 6054 PRO-RATED REGISTRATION (Miller) Allow 6-month vehicle registrations. Also HB 4944.
- 6057 TEXTING and DRIVER ED. (Rick Jones) Require driver-education classes to warn against texting while driving.
- 6060,61 SALVAGE VEHICLES (Pearce) Simplify list of persons able to buy salvage vehicles; abolish police book of scrapped cars.
- 6079 PROOF OF INSURANCE (Spade) Remove \$400 Driver Responsibility Act tax from conviction for failure to produce proof of insurance. Compare SB’s 127, 317, 566, 894, HB’s 4098, 4101, 4604, 5603.
- 6094–97 INJURY PROTECTION (Lund) Revise personal-injury-protection options.
- 6099, 6100 PROTECT DEALERS (Walsh) Restrict competition among car dealers; protect car dealers from manufacturers requiring “unreasonable sales and service performance standards.” Also SB’s 1309, 1308. Passed Senate.
- 6151 COMPLETE STREETS (Switalski) Require road agencies to adopt “complete-streets policies” within 2 years. Require MDOT and county road commissions to obtain approval relative to sidewalks and bike paths from all villages, cities, and townships before beginning any road-repair project. (May give townships, villages and cities leverage over road design, truck routes, and speed limits on state highways and county roads.) P.A. 135 of 2010.
- 6159–62 O.R.V. USE ON ROADS STATEWIDE (Caul) Expand local-option permission of off-road vehicles on roads to all counties; reduce ability of road commissions to close roads to ORV’s. Include state trunklines. Include shoulders (along with traveled lanes). Rename off-road vehicles “off-highway vehicles.” Hearings held.
- 6164,65 REFORM SPEED LIMITS (Rick Jones, Bettie Scott + 50) Correct defects in 2006 speed-limit law regarding edges of subdivisions and 25-mph subdivision streets; allow freeway limits above 70 mph (preserve 60-mph truck limit). Clarify that cities may base *prima facie* limits on traffic studies. Require city *prima facie* limits to be based on access-point count or traffic studies. Require adherence to 85th-percentile speed, and never less than 75th. Clarify meaning of *design speed* and use of advisory signs. Require all traffic regulations to be based on “standard and accepted engineering standards as specified in” the MMUTCD. Clarify calculation of access-point count; abolish speed-limit signs on roads less than a half-mile long. Abolish school zones at high schools. Update language. Hearing held; action stalled.
- 6173 L.U.S.T. FEE (Espinoza) Extend 7/8-cent/gallon leaking underground-storage-tank fee from 2010 to Dec. 31, 2015. Also SB 1267. Reported.
- 6208 INTERSTATE COMPACTS (Opsommer) Require Secretary of State to publish votes as delegate

- to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (sets standards for driver licenses, vehicle registration, and National Driver Register); prohibit RFID chips in driver licenses and exchange of Michigan driver information with foreign nations by AAMVA. Compare HB 6210.
- 6209 BUTTS (Meltzer) Include cigarette butts in definition of *litter*.
- 6210 R.F.I.D. LICENSES (Amash) Require Michigan to withdraw from any interstate compact (such as National Driver Register) requiring RFID chips in driver licenses. Compare HB 6208.
- 6230 PROHIBIT TOLLS (Opsommer) Prohibit privately-developed (but not state-run) toll roads.
- 6233 DOUBLE FINES (McMillin) Create “school bus zones” of 20 feet around stopped school buses in which all fines are doubled.
- 6277 MOPED SEATS (Nerat) Clarify that moped riders cannot exceed number of seats.
- 6294 REDUCE TRANSIT (Marleau) Shift \$165 million/year in road-user fees from transit to roads, distributed according to usual formula.
- 6350 CHILD SEAT FINE (Tyler) Provide fine for failure to buy child seat.
- 6366 ALIEN QUERIES (Agema) Require police to query the immigration status of any driver they suspect of being an illegal alien. Does not apply to drivers with a valid Michigan license.
- 6377-81 STREET RACES (Sheltrown) Expand enabling law for street race courses to all local governments. See also HB 6459 (liability).
- 6396,7 LICENSE SURTAX (Byrnes) Enable county-option surtax on license renewals for roads and transit, up to \$25 for operators and \$35 for chauffeur.
- 6398 LOCAL-OPTION FUEL TAX (Leland) Enable county-option fuel taxes of up to 3, 5, or 7 cents/gallon depending on the number of adjoining counties with taxes.
- 6414 INTERSTATE COMPACTS (Opsommer) Require Attorney General to review all agreements with other states or the federal government (such as National Driver Register); void them if agencies exceed their authority.
- 6432 CHEMICAL TESTS (Jones) Allow field sobriety tests by immunochemical assay of oral fluids for presence of controlled substances, in addition to breath tests; require confirmation by fluid chromatography.
- 6435 CHARGING STATIONS (Clemente) Business-tax credit for gas stations installing electric-car chargers.
- 6455 HELMETS IN JULY (Genetski) Waive motorcycle-helmet law in July, 2011 only.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments (Require voter approval.)

- HJR “V” SALES TAX FOR ROADS (Knollenberg) Credit 6% of four-per-cent tax to discretionary fund within the Transportation Commission. See HB’s 5074 and 5075.
- HJR “Y” DRIVER LICENSE and REGISTRATION SURTAXES (Opsommer) Prevent redirection of 1987 operator-license-fee increases from local roads to General Fund, make usable for “road projects” other than TEDF. Credit Secretary of State and State Police surtaxes on vehicle registrations to MTF. Motion to discharge passed for the day.
- HJR “DDD” NEW TAXES (Lund) Require voter approval of all tax increases or new taxes.
- HJR “JJJ” REGISTRATION TAX FOR TRANSIT; LOCAL SALES TAX (Donigan) Remove Constitutional limit of 10% maximum spending for transit from vehicle-registration taxes. Enable up to 1% county-option sales tax for transportation, with up to 100% for transit.
- HJR “LLL” PROHIBIT TOLL PROJECTS (Agema) Prevent privately-operated toll roads and bridges from recovering capital costs from tolls. Prevent them from exercising eminent domain.

Nonbinding Resolutions

- HCR 6 HARDENED DRIVER LICENSES (Opsommer) Urge Congress and Homeland Security to

modify requirements for enhanced driver licenses. Also HR 11. Reported to Senate.
HCR 76 WALTER REUTHER Recommend replacing statue of Zachariah Chandler with Walter Reuther.
HCR 14, HR 54 OPPOSE CONGESTION PRICING (Opsommer) Urge Congress not to mandate installation of GPS-based toll meters in new vehicles; oppose congestion pricing and VMT-based road-user charges. Endorse vehicle-highway interface for safety. Compare HB 4653.
HR 262 SIGNAL TIMING (Amash) Urge local units to review signal timing.
HR 279 FEDERAL FUEL TAX (Pearce) Object to federal fuel tax and having to match federal aid.

Mentioned but Not Introduced

These proposals have been announced by a politician or special interest, but have not been introduced in bill form in the legislature.

FREEZE M.C.C.A. PREMIUM (Granholt administration) Freeze Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association assessment at \$104.58/year.
NON-CITIZEN'S LICENSE (Secretary of State candidate Ruth Johnson) Create distinctive driver license for other than U.S. citizens (non-voting).

Proposed Ballot Initiative

REDUCE INSURANCE PREMIUMS (Sen. Clarke) Reduce all insurance premiums by 20% or 40% for good drivers. Allow only driving record, mileage, and years of driving to influence rates. Petition language approved.

Administrative Actions

INCREASE M.C.C.A. PREMIUM (Michigan Catastrophic Claims Assoc.) Increase annual premium surcharge from \$125.07 to \$143.09, effective 2010.
FREEZE INSURANCE RATES (Executive Order 2009-1) Require insurers to announce insurance rates before March 1, 2009 to be in effect for remainder of the year; disapprove excessive rates.
DRIVER'S MEDICAL BOARD (Secretary of State Land) Name 9 doctors to Medical Advisory Board to the Secretary of State to recommend physical, mental, and vision standards for drivers, and review individual cases. See SB 110.
DISAPPROVE RATE INCREASES (Office of Finance and Insurance Regulation) Reject requests for rate increases by 7 auto insurers.
REVIEW ENHANCED LICENSES (Rep. Opsommer) Request Governor's Privacy Council to review enhanced (border-crossing) driver licenses for security of RFID chip.
CLIMATE CHANGE (Executive Directive 2009-4) Require MDOT to reduce congestion, promote ITS, and employ modern roundabouts. (No mention of superfluous stop signs.)
ELECTRIC-CAR RATE (MPSC Experimental Tariff U-16446) Provide electric rates for separate meters for electric-car charging, and peak-hour rates. Also \$2,500 toward installing each of first 2,500 chargers.

New Local Ordinances

TROY DISTRACTED DRIVING Effective July 29, 2010, prohibit hand-held cell phone use or any activity that renders a driver unable to control the car.
ANN ARBOR CROSSWALKS Require drivers to yield to pedestrians approaching a crosswalk (not in the crosswalk as in state law).

BENTON HARBOR CAMERA PROPOSAL Study by City of Benton Harbor of installation of 9 red-light cameras (illegal under state law).

Court Decisions

RECORDS EXPUNGEMENT COA Docket 279843 Expungement of record of conviction for a traffic violation does not affect or require expunction of Secretary of State driving record.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER SC Docket 137680 Let lower court decision stand requiring submission of Social Security number with driver-license application.

CREDIT SCORING SC Docket 137400 Find 2008 OFIR rule illegal (would have banned use of credit histories in setting insurance premiums as an illegitimate and discriminatory rating factor).

M.C.C.A. REIMBURSEMENT SC Docket 133466 Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association to reimburse insurers 100% of costs of treating severe injuries.

CHILDREN'S AUTOS COA Docket 286936 Parents have an insurable interest after transferring insured vehicles to children's ownership.

MARIJUANA METABOLYTE SC Docket 138031 Find 11-carboxy-THC not to be an intoxicant in drivers' blood-test results.

NONECONOMIC DAMAGES SC Docket 136738 Reverse 2004 Supreme Court decision of *Kreiner*, and find that noneconomic damages arising from an auto accident need NOT be for a major impairment of a physical function.