

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

A Service of the Michigan Chapter of the National Motorists' Association.

As of September 2, 2009, 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; HB's 4098 and 4101.
- 131 LITTER (Brown) Include recycling propaganda in driver's-education curriculum.
- 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.
- 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 () Fiscal-2010 MDOT budget. Mandate "complete streets" policy requiring "adequate accommodation" of pedestrians, cyclists and the handicapped on all road projects. H-1 reported.
- 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. (Legalize fuzzy dice; address 2008 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals finding of vagueness in law.)
- 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 and HB’s 4098 and 4101.
- 325 TRACKING DEVICE (Basham) Prohibit placement of tracking device on vehicles without owner’s permission; exempt police, bail agents, and private investigators. Reported.
- 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 () Allow 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. Reported.
- 402 DATA ENTRY (Thomas) Prohibit texting or data entry while driving, including use of navigation screens. Compare HB 4369, 4394, SB 417, 467, 468.
- 417 CELL PHONES (Basham) Prohibit use of cell phones while driving; secondary enforcement. Compare HB 4369, 4394, SB 402, 417, 467, 468.
- 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, 4394, SB 402, 417, 467, 468.
- 468 HANDS-FREE PHONES (Kahn) Allow use of hands-free wireless devices. Compare HB 4369, 4394, SB 402, 417, 467, 468.
- 485 REQUIRE ETHANOL (Switalski) Require gasoline to contain 2 per cent ethanol after 2009.
- 494 SECRETARY OF STATE FEES (Jelinek) Rename Transportation Administration Collection Fund to Dept. of State Operations Fund; extend \$3 surtax on title transfers after 2009. Also SB493, 540. S-2 adopted.
- 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 income-tax credit for donations of cars to charities.
- 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.
- 574 VETERANS’ C.D.L.’s (Garcia) No CDL road test needed for service veterans.

- 590 STORED CARS (Jelinek) Prohibit zoning ordinances from prohibiting auto collecting and restoration activities.
- 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.
- 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). Same as HB 5287.

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 Driver Responsibility Act (convictions and points taxes) after Dec. 31, 2009. Halve amounts assessed in 2009, and settle unpaid amounts for 50% in 2009 (no refund of previously-paid amounts). Compare HB 4101 and 4604; SB 127, 312, 566. Re-referred to judiciary. Hearing held; no action.
- 4101 HALVE DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY TAX (Jackson) Halve Driver Responsibility Act conviction taxes. (Does not halve points tax.) Compare HB 4098, 4604 and SB 127, 312, 566. Re-referred to judiciary. Hearing held.
- 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 mis-use. 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.
- 4369, 70 CELL PHONES (Polidori) Prohibit use of hand-held cell phones or text messaging while driving. Secondary enforcement, \$100 fine. Compare HB 4394, SB 402, 417, 467, 468.
- 4373 VOTING ADDRESS (Warren) Allow driver-license address to be different from voting address. Also SB 87.
- 4394 TEXTING WHILE DRIVING (Gonzales) Prohibit texting over a hand-held or laptop 2-way device while driving; exempt GPS devices. Compare HB 4369, SB 402, 417, 467, 468.
- 4400 ABANDONED-VEHICLE FEE (Kandrevas) \$25 assessment for abandoning a vehicle. Passed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4449 M.D.O.T. BUDGET (Gonzales) Fiscal-2010 road and transit budget.
- 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.
- 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 Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and St. Clair Counties to law allowing ORV use on local roads (not shoulders) at local option. Passed House.
- 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.
- 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 auto driver \$130/year more.)
- 4604 DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY TAX (Kowall + 25) Repeal Driver Responsibility Act surtaxes for convictions for no valid license 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 other than serious violations for 75% of amount due during 60-day period. Allow payment of entire tax in one year. Make conforming amendments. Similar to SB 127. Compare SB 317, HB's 4098 and 4101. Hearing held.
- 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).
- 4634 AUTOMATED INSURANCE VERIFICATION (Johnson) Repeal requirement to produce paper proof of insurance upon police request on Oct. 1, 2009. 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. (Prepare for automated issuance of no-insurance tickets by mail using roadside cameras; does not authorize mailed citations to Michigan registrants. Uninsured operators stopped by police continue to be liable to \$400–1,000 surtaxes.). 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. Create Insurance Verification Fund (no revenue source) to pay for contract.
- 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 reported.
- 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’s license can be withheld at request of court.
- 4747 HELMET LAW (LeBlanc) Repeal motorcycle helmet law. Compare HB 4028, 4138, 5254.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4960 DRIVER TRAINING (Leland) Require driver-training courses to include bicycle law. Also SB 531.
- 4961 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (Gonzales) Enable MDOT to conclude public-private partnerships for privately financed and operated public roads, including high-occupancy/toll lanes and tolls on other than existing lanes.
- 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) \$.50/day tax on cars rented within 5 miles of airports, for tourism promotion. H-2 reported.
- 5020 INSURANCE CLAIMS (Valentine) Require insurers to deal fairly and in good faith with claimants. Also HB 4844.
- 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, for General Fund. Hearing held. 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. Hearing held. Compare HB 5312.
- 5123 LICENSE 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 driveable.
- 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.
- 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.

- 5273,4 INTERLOCKS (Corriveau) Require reports on tampering or avoiding ignition interlocks by convicted drunk drivers.
- 5274 INTERLOCK PENALTIES (Lipton) Allow limited driving with interlocks for DUI convicts.
- 5287 PROHIBIT TICKET QUOTAS (LeBlanc) Strengthen prohibition of traffic-ticket quotas (outlaw use as performance measure for police). Same as 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.
- 5303 GUN TRANSPORT (Sheltrown) Allow transport of firearms by direct or indirect routes.
- 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.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

None yet.

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.

Mentioned but Not Introduced

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

- REPEAL NO-FAULT (Granholt administration) Mandate "affordable" auto-insurance rates. Repeal no-fault law.
- FREEZE M.C.C.A. PREMIUM (Granholt administration) Freeze Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association assessment at \$104.58/year.
- REGISTRATION TAX INCREASE (Granholt administration, road contractors) Greatly increase vehicle registration tax: 90 per cent for light vehicles over 5 years, plus other increases; and 21 per cent for heavy trucks.
- FUEL TAX INCREASE (Granholt administration, road contractors) "Adjust" motor fuel taxes based on wholesale price, within gradually-rising 3-cent range between floor and ceiling, up to a maximum of 34 cents/gallon for both fuels.
- ENGINE IDLING (DEQ, East Michigan Environmental Action Council) Requirement to turn off truck engines within some minutes of arrival at loading dock or rest area; \$250 fine for truck driver, \$750 fines for both truck registrant and property owner.

Administrative Actions

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.

INCREASE M.C.C.A. PREMIUM (Michigan Catastrophic Claims Assoc.) Increase annual premium surcharge from \$118.71 to \$142.08, effective July 1, 2009.

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.)

New Local Ordinances

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 Agree to decide 4 points on whether 2008 OFIR rule is legal banning use of credit ratings in setting insurance premiums.

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