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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4875 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Michael Nye  
House Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights  
Senate Committee: Judiciary

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do all of the following:

- Repeal from the Michigan Liquor Control Act and reenact in the Vehicle Code a prohibition against transporting or possessing alcohol, in a motor vehicle, by someone under 21 years of age.
- Require parental notification when a person under 18 was alleged to have transported or possessed alcohol in a vehicle.
- Provide for driver's license sanctions and other penalties for transporting or possessing, in a motor vehicle, alcohol in an open container and for a minor's transporting or possessing alcohol in a motor vehicle.
- Provide for driver's license sanctions for failure to answer a citation or a notice to appear for a minor's possession, purchase, or consumption of alcohol; transporting or possessing an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle; or a minor's transporting or possessing alcohol in a motor vehicle.
- Specify that failure to answer a citation or notice to appear for the possession, purchase, or consumption of alcohol by a person under 21 would not be considered a violation for purposes of assigning points to a person's driver's license.
- Delete a requirement that \$30 of every \$125 license reinstatement fee for certain offenses be deposited in the "Underage Drinking Case Information Management Fund" (which was never enacted), and that the remaining \$95 be allocated to the Department of State.
- Require the Secretary of State to include in the annual report of drunk driving dispositions those dispositions for a minor's possession, purchase, or consumption of alcohol and the provision or use of fraudulent identification to purchase alcohol.

The bill would take effect on April 1, 1997.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Costs to the Department of State regarding driver's license suspensions would be offset by driver's license reinstatement fees.

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