

Legislative Analysis



UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

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House Bill 5854

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5854 AS INTRODUCED 2-23-10

The bill would amend Public Act 291 of 1967, which authorizes the governing boards of state universities to enact and enforce parking, traffic, and pedestrian ordinances on their campuses. The governing boards can establish civil sanctions (including fines). The bill would tie the civil fines for infractions under campus ordinances to the fines for substantially similar violations under the Michigan Vehicle Code.

Section 2a of the act currently says that for violations of campus ordinances that are civil infractions, civil fines cannot exceed \$25. However, civil infractions involving parking in handicapper spaces must carry a fine of at least \$50 and no more than \$100.

House Bill 5854 would rewrite this section to specify that if a campus civil infraction substantially corresponds to a provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code, then a civil fine established by the university governing board could not exceed the maximum civil fine for the similar offense under the Vehicle Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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