HOUSE BILL No. 5724

June 1, 2012, Introduced by Reps. McMillin, Goike, Yonker and Gilbert and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to prohibit a municipality from prohibiting or imposing certain regulations or conditions on the operation of jitneys.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Jitney" means a privately owned, shared ride service
3 using a vehicle that is capable of carrying up to 12 passengers,
4 traveling a semifixed route at least once per week. Jitney does not
5 include a limousine to which the limousine transportation act, 1990
6 PA 271, MCL 257.1901 to 257.1939, applies.

7 (b) "Municipality" means a county, village, city, or township,
8 or a subdivision or instrumentality of a county, village, city, or
9 township.

Sec. 2. A municipality shall not do any of the following:

(a) Prohibit the operation or use of a jitney.

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(b) Require a jitney to observe safety regulations that do not
 apply to other privately owned vehicles.

3 (c) Require a jitney to purchase a franchise or surety bond.

4 (d) Regulate the prices, hours of operation, or route of a5 jitney.