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**VEHICULAR HOMICIDE
STANDARD**

House Bill 4135

Sponsor: Rep. Jim McBryde

Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

Complete to 8-16-95

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4135 AS INTRODUCED 1-17-95

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to revise the provision dealing with negligent homicide. Currently, the law makes it a misdemeanor for an individual to cause the death of another person through the careless, reckless or "negligent" operation of a motor vehicle. The bill would change the standard of care required by the operator of a motor vehicle for an incident to be considered negligent homicide. Under the bill, the driver of a motor vehicle would have to have operated the vehicle in a "grossly negligent" manner in order to be found guilty of a misdemeanor where the driver had caused the death of another individual.

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