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## UPDATE DRIVER'S LICENSE

House Bill 4285

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Committee: Transportation

Complete to 3-6-95

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4285 AS INTRODUCED 2-2-95

The Michigan Vehicle Code authorizes the secretary of state to provide for the design and issuance of the official state driver's license. The bill would amend the act to specify that, beginning January 1, 1997, a surcharge of up to \$1--but not more than the actual per unit increase in cost of the program to develop a new driver's license--would be added to each fee collected for an original, renewal, duplicate, or corrected driver's license. The Department of Treasury would have to deposit the surcharge fee into the Driver's License Fund, which would be created under the bill. The bill would take effect January 1, 1996.

Driver's license fund. The bill would create the Driver's License Fund as a separate fund in the treasury department. The secretary of state would have to spend money in the fund only to aid in administering the driver's license program. The bill would require the state treasurer to credit to the fund all money received for administration of the program, and as otherwise provided by law, and would have to invest money in the fund in the same manner as surplus funds are invested under the surplus funds act (Public Act 105 of 1855). Also, earnings from fund money would have to be credited to the fund, and money remaining in it at the end of a fiscal year would have to remain in it and could not revert to the general fund until January 1, 1999.

The act currently permits the secretary of state to photograph an applicant for a driver's license and to use the photo on his or her license. The bill, instead, would permit a person's "image" to be "captured or reproduced" for use on his or her driver's license and for storage in the new computerized licensing system that would be developed. The act now allows the secretary of state to issue (except in the case of commercial driver's licenses) a renewal driver's license for an additional four-year period by mail; the bill would permit this to be done "by other methods prescribed by the secretary of state." Also, except as otherwise required, other information required on the license could appear on it in a form determined by the secretary of state.

Beginning January 1, 1997, the secretary of state could retain and use any information the act permits it to use in connection with driver's licenses only for programs administered by the secretary of state, and it could not use someone's image or signature for a purpose not described in the act unless specific enabling legislation allowing the use were enacted into law.

MCL 257.307 and 257.310

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