

FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENT FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INDORSEMENTS



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 5504 AS ENROLLED

Sponsor: Rep. Rich Brown

House Committee: Transportation

ENROLLED ANALYSIS - 8/20/02

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SUMMARY

House Bill 5504 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require that an applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle group designation and a hazardous material indorsement provide his or her fingerprints with the application. Presumably, the Department of State Police would subsequently conduct a state- and federal-level criminal background check using those fingerprints.

The Department of State estimates that 5,000 individuals initially apply for licenses with a hazardous material indorsement annually. While the bill does not specifically authorize the Department of State Police to charge a fee for the required background checks, the department routinely charges a fee of \$54 (\$30 for the state-level check and \$24 for the federal-level check). Annual fee revenue and associated expenditures by the department would therefore increase by an estimated \$270,000 under the bill.