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HIGHWAY CONTEXT-SENSITIVE DESIGN

House Bill 5107

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5107 AS INTRODUCED 10-1-03

House Bill 5107 would amend Public Act 51 of 1951, the Michigan Transportation Fund Act, to require the Department of Transportation to consider context-sensitive design in the construction and repair of highways.

More specifically under the bill, the Department of Transportation would be required to consider the use of context-sensitive design in undertaking the opening, widening, and improving, including the construction and re-construction, of all state trunk line highways. In doing so, the department would be required to consider the input of affected counties. As used in this subdivision of the act, "context-sensitive design" would mean a process designed to develop a transportation project so that it is in harmony with its environment, and preserves community, scenic, aesthetic, historic, and natural resources while maintaining safety and mobility.

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