

# Legislative Analysis

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## TRAFFIC BARRIERS AT ACCIDENT OR CRIME SCENE

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**House Bill 4863**

**Sponsor: Rep. Richard Ball**

**Committee: Judiciary**

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## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4863 AS INTRODUCED 6-2-05

The bill would add a new section to the Michigan Vehicle Code to prohibit the driver of a vehicle from moving, driving around, or otherwise disregarding a temporary traffic barrier that has been erected at the scene of an accident or crime by a law enforcement official or employee of a law enforcement agency authorized to erect such a barrier. A violation would be a civil infraction.

(A civil infraction is an act prohibited by law but which is not a crime. Unless a certain amount for a civil fine is specified in statute for a particular infraction, each district of the district court and each municipal court is allowed to establish a schedule of civil fines, costs, and assessments to be imposed for civil infractions occurring within the respective district or city.)

MCL 257.620a)

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the state and local units of government. Each person determined to be responsible for a state civil infraction is required to pay a justice system assessment of \$10, which is deposited into the Justice System Fund, which in turn is distributed by statutory formula to support a variety of law enforcement, correctional, judicial, and legislative programs.

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