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House Bill 4146 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Jud Gilbert, II

House Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to prohibit the operation of a commercial snow removal vehicle without a flashing or oscillating light, and designate a violation a misdemeanor.

Specifically, the bill would add Section 682c to prohibit a person from operating a commercial snow removal vehicle to remove snow or ice on a public street or highway or in a parking lot accessible for use by the public unless the vehicle were operated with at least one flashing, rotating, or oscillating yellow or amber light that was clearly visible in a 360-degree arc from a distance of 500 feet when in use. A person who leased a commercial snow removal vehicle could not knowingly allow a person to operate it in violation of these requirements.

A person who violated Section 682c would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 90 days and/or a maximum fine of \$500.

MCL 257.698 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local units of government. There are no data to indicate how many snow removal vehicles would not be in compliance with the proposed requirement. To the extent that vehicles were found in violation, local courts could see a marginal increase in caseload and local units would incur the cost of incarceration or community supervision. Additional fine revenue would benefit public libraries. If local units own snow removal vehicles not currently equipped with a flashing yellow light, they could incur some costs installing such devices to bring vehicles into compliance.

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