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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 5542 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Paul Opsommer  
House Committee: Transportation  
Senate Committee: Transportation

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:**

- **Prohibit the Secretary of State (SOS) from requiring an applicant for a driver license to provide emergency contact information, but allow the SOS to inquire whether the applicant would like to provide such information.**
- **Permit emergency contact information to be disclosed only to a law enforcement agency.**
- **Include emergency contact information supplied by a license applicant in the definition of "highly restricted personal information".**

The Code allows an operator or chauffeur to indicate emergency contact information on his or her license. The bill would prohibit the SOS from requiring an applicant for an original or renewal license to provide such information as a condition of obtaining the license. The SOS, however, could inquire whether the person would like to provide the information. Emergency contact information could be disclosed only to a law enforcement agency of the State or of the United States for law enforcement purposes.

Under the Code, "highly restricted personal information" may be used and disclosed only as expressly permitted or provided by law. "Highly restricted personal information" means an individual's photograph or image, Social Security number, digitized signature, medical and disability information, and source documents presented by an applicant to obtain an operator's or chauffeur's license. The bill also would include emergency contact information in the definition.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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