

# Legislative Analysis



## USE OF HAZARD LIGHTS IN FUNERAL PROCESSION

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**House Bill 4660 (H-1) as adopted by committee**

**Sponsor: Rep. Robert J. Bezotte**

**Committee: Regulatory Reform**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4660 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that a vehicle in a funeral procession, when going to a place of burial, has the right of way over other vehicles at an intersection if both of the following requirements are met:

- The vehicle displays a fluorescent orange or purple flag with an appropriate religious symbol (a black cross, the Star of David, or the crescent and star). [The bill would add purple flags to a requirement that is otherwise currently law.]
- The vehicle activates its hazard warning lights or a flashing, rotating, or oscillating purple or amber light. [Currently, the vehicle leading or escorting the funeral procession, or any vehicle that is part of a funeral procession, may be equipped with a flashing, rotating, or oscillating purple or amber light but may only activate those lights during a funeral procession.]

Currently, the code allows a driver to use hazard lights to warn operators of other vehicles when he or she is experiencing a problem that could present a traffic hazard to approaching vehicles (for example, a flat tire or a sudden engine problem that causes difficulty steering or requires a reduction in speed). To comport with the requirement to activate hazard lights as described above, the bill would amend this provision to also allow hazard lights to be used during a funeral procession by any vehicle that is part of the funeral procession, including the vehicle leading or escorting the procession.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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