REMOVE DRIVERS LICENSE DISQUALIFICATION FOR PRIOR MOVING VIOLATIONS

House Bill 5103 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Donavan McKinney
Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure
Complete to 10-26-23

SUMMARY:

House Bill 5103 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to remove a provision that now disqualifies someone from getting a driver’s license if within the previous three years they had two or more moving violations that occurred before the issuance of an original license.

Specifically, the code now prohibits the secretary of state from issuing a license to an individual who, within the preceding three years, has been convicted of, received a juvenile disposition for, or been determined responsible for two or more moving violations under a Michigan law, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a Michigan law, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to a Michigan law, if the violations occurred before issuance of an original license in Michigan, in another state, or in another country.

The bill would remove that provision.

The bill would take effect March 1, 2024.

MCL 257.303 and 257.304

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no substantial fiscal impact on the Department of State. Removing the eligibility requirement for receiving a license would result in an increase in the number of licenses issued. Any additional revenue from transaction fees for issuing licenses would be largely offset by costs of material resources and wages related to issuing the license.

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

POSITIONS:

Representatives of the following entities testified in support of the bill (10-10-23):
- Department of State
- Michigan District Judges Association
- Change Me Works

The following entities indicated support for the bill:
- State Court Administrative Office (10-24-23)
- Detroit Justice Center (10-6-23)
- Street Democracy (10-10-23)