



Legislative Report for March 2017

Motorcycle and Transportation Bills

- **HB 4306 – Increase motorcycle endorsement fee and earmark increased funds into the motorcycle safety fund**
 - Original endorsement: from \$13.5 to \$16.00
 - Renewal of endorsement: From \$5.00 to \$7.00
 - **02-Mar-2017: Referred to committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**

- **HB4198 / SB0124 – driver training; training component for drivers regarding safety for bicyclists, Motorcyclist and other vulnerable roadway users on the road**
 - THE LAWS OF THIS STATE PERTAINING TO AWARENESS OF BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, AND OTHER VULNERABLE ROADWAY USERS, INCLUDING PEDESTRIANS, SHALL ALSO BE INCORPORATED INTO ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LAWS PERTAINING TO YIELDING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, TRAVELING AT A SAFE AND REASONABLE SPEED FOR CONDITIONS, ENSURING A SAFE DISTANCE, AND DISTRACTED DRIVING.
 - **14-Feb-2017: HB4198: Referred to committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**
 - **09-Feb-2017: SB0124 Referred to committee on Judiciary**

- **SB 0160 – Modify the definition of autocycle**
 - Autocycle = ADD: has rollbar or roll hoops and is not equipped with a saddle.
 - **15-Feb-2017: Referred to committee on transportation**

- **HB4013 – Allow paperless registration and proof of insurance**
 - Allow for electronic or digital photograph of vehicle registration
 - **11-Jan-2017: Referred to committee on insurance**
 - **02-Mar-2017: Substitute H1 = Police officer can only view the electronic copy of the certificate and is prohibited from manipulating the device to view any other information. A person who displayed the copy through an electronic device would not be presumed to have consented to a search of that device.**

- **HB4024 – Extend driver license renewal from 4yr to 8yr**
 - **12-Jan-2017: Referred to committee on transportation and infrastructure.**

- **HB4040 / SB0071 – Vehicle registration fees; exempt senior citizens from increases.**
 - THE REGISTRATION TAX INCREASES PROVIDED UNDER 15 SUBDIVISION (P) (i) (B) DO NOT APPLY IF THE REGISTRANT OF THE 16 VEHICLE IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017.
 - 12-Jan-2017: **HB4040: Referred to Committee on Government Operations**
 - 31-Jan-2014: **SB0071: Referred to committee on Transportation**

- **HB4251 – Remove increased Vehicle registration fees 2015**
 - 21-Feb-2017: **Referred to committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**

- **HB4042 – Operating a motor vehicle without valid driver license; Increase penalties and require police officers to take certain actions:**
 - A PEACE OFFICER WHO DETERMINES THAT A PERSON IS OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION AND THAT THE PERSON IS THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE 201143'17 ELF SHALL IMMEDIATELY CONFISCATE THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S REGISTRATION PLATE AND NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THROUGH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK IN A FORM DESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE REGISTRATION PLATE WAS CONFISCATED. A REGISTRATION PLATE THAT HAS BEEN CONFISCATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE HELD FOR A PERIOD OF 10 DAYS AFTER THE CONFISCATION AND, UNLESS THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE PROVIDES PROOF WITHIN THAT 10-DAY PERIOD THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS INSURED UNDER CHAPTER 31 OF THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101 TO 500.3179, MUST BE DESTROYED. A POLICE OFFICER WHO DESTROYS A REGISTRATION PLATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THROUGH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE REGISTRATION PLATE WAS DESTROYED
 - 18-Jan-2017: **Referred to committee on Law and Justice**

- **HB4062 – Traffic regulation; traveling in extreme left-hand lane**
 - UPON A ROADWAY HAVING 2 OR MORE LANES FOR TRAVEL IN 1 DIRECTION, THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE IN THE EXTREME LEFT-HAND LANE SHALL NOT CONTINUE TO OPERATE HIS OR HER VEHICLE IN THAT LANE IF HE OR SHE KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT HE OR SHE IS BEING OVERTAKEN IN THAT LANE FROM THE REAR BY A VEHICLE TRAVELING AT A HIGHER RATE OF SPEED. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES: (A) TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, INCLEMENT WEATHER, OBSTRUCTIONS, HAZARDS, OR COMPLIANCE WITH A LAW OF THIS STATE OR AN OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE MAKE IT NECESSARY TO DRIVE IN THE EXTREME LEFT-HAND LANE
 - 18-Jan-2017: **referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**

➤ **HB4108 – Speed restrictions when passing**

- THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE THAT IS OVERTAKING AND PASSING ANOTHER VEHICLE PROCEEDING IN THE SAME DIRECTION IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) MAY EXCEED THE SPEED LIMIT FOR THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY UPON WHICH THAT VEHICLE IS TRAVELING, SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - (A) THE DRIVER MAY EXCEED THE SPEED LIMIT BY NO MORE THAN 10 MILES PER HOUR.
 - (B) THE DRIVER MAY ONLY EXCEED THE SPEEDLIMIT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT HE OR SHE IS OVERTAKING AND PASSING THE OTHER VEHICLE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) AND FOR NO LONGER THAN 10 SECONDS AFTER HE OR SHE HAS SAFELY OVERTAKEN AND PASSED THE OTHER VEHICLE.
 - (C) THIS SUBSECTION ONLY APPLIES WHILE THE VEHICLE IS TRAVELING ON A PORTION OF A HIGHWAY THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF A VILLAGE OR CITY OR WITHIN A SCHOOL ZONE.
- **26-Jan-2017: referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**

➤ **SB0046 – Eliminate the requirement that emergency lights be mounted on the roof of an authorized emergency vehicle**

- **18-Jan-2017: Referred to committee on transportation**

➤ **HB 4185 / HB 4265 / SB0123 – requirement for operator of a motor vehicle to maintain a 5-foot distance when passing a bicyclist on the left**

- THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE OVERTAKING A BICYCLE PROCEEDING IN THE SAME DIRECTION SHALL PASS AT A SAFE DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 5 FEET TO THE LEFT OF THAT BICYCLE, AND WHEN SAFELY CLEAR OF THE OVERTAKEN BICYCLE SHALL TAKE UP A POSITION AS NEAR THE RIGHT-HAND EDGE OF THE MAIN TRAVELED PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY AS IS PRACTICABLE. NOT WITHSTANDING SECTION 640, IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO, THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE OVERTAKING A BICYCLE PROCEEDING IN THE SAME DIRECTION MAY OVERTAKE AND PASS THE BICYCLE IN A NO-PASSING ZONE.
- **09-Feb-2017: HB4185: Referred to committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**
- **09-Feb-2017: SB0123: Referred to committee on Judiciary**
- **23-Feb-2017: HB4265: Referred to committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**

➤ **SB 0170 – maintain a 5-foot distance when passing a bicyclist on the right**

- THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE OVERTAKING A BICYCLE SHALL, WHEN OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY THIS SECTION, PASS AT A SAFE DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 5 FEET TO THE RIGHT OF THAT BICYCLE
- **21-Feb-2017: Referred to committee on Judiciary**

➤ **SB0151 – violations; use of unmanned traffic monitoring device for ticketing traffic infractions; prohibit, and prohibit secretary of state from assigning points against individual under certain circumstances**

- IF AN INDIVIDUAL HOLDING AN OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE IN THIS STATE COMMITS A VIOLATION IN ANOTHER STATE BASED ON ENFORCEMENT BY AN UNMANNED TRAFFIC MONITORING DEVICE THAT WOULD, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT RETAIN A RECORD OF THE VIOLATION OR ASSESS POINTS AGAINST THE LICENSE HOLDER.
- **09-Feb-2017: Referred to committee on Transportation**

Other Bills in Lansing

- **HB4033 – HB4035 – Absentee voter; issue upon voter's request without requiring justification**
 - 12-Jan-2017: Referred to Elections and Ethics Committee
- **HB4037 – HB4039 - Automatic voter registration when receiving driver license or identification card**
 - EXCEPTION: THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT AUTOMATICALLY REGISTER TO VOTE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DECLINES IN WRITING, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
 - 12-Jan-2017: Referred to Elections and Ethics Committee
- **HB4053 – Establish English as the official state language**
 - 12-Jan-2017: Referred to the committee on Government Operations

Ohio Bill Update

- **Ohio House Bill 154 Signed into law and will go in effect March 21st 2017**
 - To amend sections 4511.132 and 4511.27 of the Revised Code to provide that when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle the safe passing distance to the left is three feet or greater, and to alter the protocol for proceeding into an intersection that has malfunctioning traffic lights.

Florida Bill Update

- **Florida House Bill 6008: Mandatory Helmet Bill**
 - Removes provisions authorizing certain persons over 21 years of age to operate/ride motorcycle without wearing protective headgear; provides penalties.
 - **Last Action:** Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Monday, January 09, 2017