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House Bill 5000

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5000 AS INTRODUCED 9-12-95

The Michigan Vehicle Code requires the driver and all front-seat passengers in a motor vehicle to wear properly fastened seat belts, and generally holds a driver responsible for ensuring that all children between the ages of four and 15 in the vehicle are properly secured in a seat belt. These provisions, however, may only be enforced by police officers as a secondary action, meaning a driver cannot be stopped solely for reasons of a seat belt violation. The bill would amend the act to delete language pertaining to secondary enforcement of seat belt provisions and, thus, would permit a seat belt violation to be enforced as a primary action.

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