

DRUNK DRIVING: INCREASE MINIMUM FINES



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 5814 AS INTRODUCED

Sponsor: Rep. Tom George

First House Committee: Transportation

Second House Committee: Criminal Justice

FLOOR ANALYSIS - 9/17/02

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SUMMARY

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to increase mandatory minimum fines for various drunk driving offenses. Current minimums range from \$100 to \$500, depending on the offense; increases would vary from \$100 to \$300. The bill thus could increase collections of penal fine revenues, which are constitutionally dedicated to local libraries. The extent of the fiscal impact would depend on the number of offenders who otherwise would have received the current minimum fines but instead received fines set at the new minimums.