

# Legislative Analysis



## DRIVING WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE

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**House Bill 4721 (H-1) as referred to second committee**

**Sponsor: Rep. Beau Matthew LaFave**

**1st Committee: Transportation**

**2nd Committee: Judiciary**

**Complete to 5-14-20**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4721 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow drivers to use, until July 31, 2020, a driver license that expired from February 1 through July 31, 2020.

Section 301 of the Vehicle Code, among other things, prohibits driving a vehicle on a public highway without a valid operator's or chauffeur's license and any applicable group designation and indorsements. The bill would amend section 301 to allow a person who is eligible to renew a license that expires from February 1, 2020, to July 31, 2020, to continue to drive in this state through July 31, 2020, without renewing that license.

MCL 257.301

### BACKGROUND:

The bill is a response to the exigencies of the coronavirus pandemic and codifies a provision of Executive Order 2020-78,<sup>1</sup> issued on May 8, that stipulates that, until July 31, 2020, driving on a license that expired on or after February 1, 2020, is not a violation of the Vehicle Code. This does not apply to a driver whose driving privileges were suspended or revoked for traffic offenses.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no direct fiscal impact on the state or local units of government. The collection of renewal fees for operator's and chauffeur's licenses during the period between February 1 and July 31 will be deferred and expected to be collected on or after August 1, resulting in no significant change in revenues.

Renewal fee revenue is allocated to the state's general fund, counties and municipalities, the Traffic Law Enforcement and Safety Fund, the Transportation Economic Development Fund, and the Enhanced Driver License and Enhanced Official State Personal Identification Card Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> EO 2020-78: <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2019-2020/executiveorder/pdf/2020-EO-78.pdf>

**POSITIONS:**

Representatives of the Secretary of State testified in opposition to the bill. (5-13-20)

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