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Senate Bill 334 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Senator Bill Bullard, Jr.  
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to limit to passengers at least 16 years old the provision that allows more passengers than available seat belts.

Currently, if there are more passengers than seat belts available, and all seat belts are in use, a driver is in compliance with the Code's seat belt requirements. Under the bill, this would apply if there were more passengers 16 years of age or older than available seat belts. The bill would delete a similar provision under which a driver is in compliance with the requirement that a child at least four but under 16 be secured in a seat belt, if there are more children than available seat belts, all seat belts are in use, and the child is not in the front seat (unless the vehicle is a pickup without extended seating).

The bill would take effect on July 1, 2001.

MCL 257.710e

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

State: The changes proposed in the bill would eliminate some of the exemptions to violations of Section 710e of the Michigan Vehicle Code. Since no points may be awarded for violations of this section, there would be no fiscal impact on the State.

Local: With fewer exemptions to the provisions of Section 710e, the revenue from civil fines could increase as more tickets were awarded. The number of violations of this section is unknown so the fiscal impact is indeterminate. The revenue from civil infraction fines benefits local libraries.

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