

Legislative Analysis



AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO CONDUCT DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

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House Bill 4451 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Gary Howell

Committee: Transportation

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4451 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow the secretary of state to authorize representatives to act as examining officers for the purpose of examining applicants for driver's licenses.

Generally speaking, before issuing a new driver's license, the secretary of state must examine the applicant to ensure that he or she possesses the physical, mental, and other qualifications needed to safely operate a motor vehicle. This typically includes a written knowledge test, road signs test, and vision test.

The secretary of state may appoint sheriffs, their deputies, chiefs of city or village police departments, their duly authorized representatives, or employees of the secretary of state as examining officers for the purpose of examining applicants for driver's licenses.

The bill would also allow the secretary of state to appoint "duly authorized representatives" to perform those examinations.

MCL 257.309

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4451 would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

The Department of State indicated support for the bill. (5-18-21)

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