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VEHICLE FLIGHT FROM THE LAW

House Bills 4060-4062 Sponsor: Rep. Kirk A. Profit Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4060 - 4062 AS INTRODUCED 2-2-93

The bills would amend various acts to require someone operating a motor vehicle who knew or had reason to know that he or she was being pursued by a law enforcement officer to stop the vehicle as directed by the officer, and would provide for penalties to be imposed on someone who violated this provision, including forfeiture of the vehicle used in the violation. None of the bills could take effect unless all were enacted.

House Bills 4060 and 4061 would amend the Michigan Penal Code and the Michigan Vehicle Code, respectively, to require someone operating a motor vehicle on a public highway or other place that was generally accessible to vehicles who knew or had reason to know that he or she was being pursued by a police officer or conservation officer to stop the vehicle as directed by the officer. A person who violated this provision by exceeding the speed limit by more than 30 miles per hour or operating the vehicle "in reckless disregard for the safety of any individual" would be guilty of a felony and could be imprisoned for up to four years, fined up to \$2,000, or both. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this provision would be guilty of a felony and would have to be imprisoned for at least 30 days (up to four years), fined at least \$500 (up to \$2,000), or both. In addition, the court would have to order the secretary of state to revoke the driver's license of a person convicted of such a violation.

Both bills also specify that a motor vehicle that was operated in violation of these provisions would be subject to forfeiture pursuant to forfeiture provisions contained in the Revised Judicature Act.

House Bill 4062 would amend the Revised Judicature Act (MCL 600.4701) to include within the list of various crimes for which forfeiture of property is permissible a violation of the provisions of House Bill 4061.