

Fiscal Analysis

THROWING OBJECTS AT VEHICLES



Bill/Sponsor HOUSE BILL 4632 as enrolled, Rep. William Van Regenmorter
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House Committee Criminal Justice

Analysis Summary

The bills would establish special penalties for throwing or dropping an object at a vehicle, an offense which currently is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a fine of up to \$100 or both. **House Bill 4632** would amend the Michigan Penal Code to establish offenses and maximum penalties, and **House Bill 4633** would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to apply sentencing guidelines to the new felony offenses, as follows:

Offense	Type	Maximum sentence (years)	Maximum Fine	Guidelines-Recommended Minimum Sentence (Months)*
No damage, no injury	misdemeanor	93 days	\$100	n/a
Property damage, no injury	misdemeanor	1	\$500	n/a
Injury, no serious impairment or death	felony	4	\$2,000	0-3 to 17-30
Serious impairment	felony	10	\$5,000	0-6 to 43-76
Death	felony	15	\$10,000	0-11 to 62-114

Fiscal Impact

The bills would have an indeterminate fiscal cost for the state and local units of government. There are no data to indicate the frequency with which misdemeanor convictions are obtained under the current statute. To the extent that the bills increased the numbers of offenders receiving state or local criminal sanctions (including probation supervision and/or terms of incarceration) or increased offenders' lengths of incarceration, they could increase local costs (for misdemeanor offenders) or state costs (for felony offenders). To the extent that HB 4632 increased collections of penal fines, it would increase those revenues going to local libraries, which are the constitutionally-designated recipients of penal fine revenues.

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