

Legislative Analysis



LAPSED OR CANCELED MOTOR CARRIER WORKER'S LIABILITY COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Phone: (517) 373-8080
<http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa>

House Bill 4959 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Fink
Committee: Transportation
Complete to 11-30-21

Analysis available at
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4959 would amend the Motor Carrier Act to require the Workers' Disability Compensation Agency to provide to the Department of State Police, at least weekly, a list of motor carriers subject to the act whose worker's disability compensation insurance has lapsed or was canceled by the insurance carrier.

In addition, the Department of State Police would have to publish both of the following on its website no later than the tenth of each month:

- A list of all motor carriers subject to the act that applied for a certificate of authority during the previous month.
- A list of all motor carriers subject to the act whose certificate of authority was approved, suspended, revoked, or reinstated during the previous month.

The act requires a motor carrier to demonstrate compliance with the Worker's Disability Compensation Act in general and to specifically demonstrate compliance to the Department of State Police under the following circumstances:

- Upon initial application for operating authority under the act.
- Upon request of the Department of State Police, if the carrier's worker's compensation insurance has lapsed.

The bill would retain the above provision, but would remove language that now requires the Department of State Police to work with the Workers' Disability Compensation Agency to implement it. That language would be replaced with the provisions of the bill described above.

MCL 497.9

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4959 would not have a significant fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government. The bill may create costs for the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity for reporting and for the Department of State Police for posting information, but these expenses would likely be negligible.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Michigan Towing Association testified in support of the bill.
(10-5-21)

A representative of the Michigan State Police testified to a neutral position on the bill.
(10-5-21)

The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity and the Workers' Disability Compensation Agency indicated opposition to the bill. (10-19-21)

Legislative Analyst: E. Best
Fiscal Analyst: Marcus Coffin

■ This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency staff for use by House members in their deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.