

Legislative Analysis



ELIMINATE SUNSET ON CERTAIN DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT

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House Bill 4126 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Will Snyder

Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure

Complete to 9-27-23

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(Enacted as Public Act 212 of 2023)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4126 would the Michigan Vehicle Code to eliminate a sunset (expiration date) on a provision establishing a legal speed on certain roadways.

Among other things, section 627 of the code establishes speed limits in various specified places or circumstances, such as in a business district or in a public park.

Section 627 now provides, until *January 1, 2024*, for a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on a public road that is part of the local street system as designated by a local jurisdiction and approved by the State Transportation Commission and that is within land zoned for residential use by the governing body of a city or village under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, unless another speed is established and posted.

The bill would remove the time limit on this provision (i.e., the language italicized above).

The bill would also remove a now-obsolete requirement that the Department of State Police perform a speed study on a random sample of local streets described above and submit a report on the study to legislative leaders and the governor by January 1, 2023.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Michigan Municipal League testified in support of the bill. (9-12-23)

The following entities indicated support for the bill (9-12-23):

- Michigan State Police
- Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
- Michigan Sheriff's Association
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

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