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House Bill 5103 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Donovan McKinney
House Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to delete a provision prohibiting the Secretary of State from issuing a driver license to an individual who has been convicted of, has received a juvenile disposition for, or has been determined responsible for two or more moving violations under a law of the State, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a law of the State, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to a law of the State within the preceding three years, if the violations occurred before issuance of an original license to the person in the State, another state, or another country.

The bill would take effect March 1, 2024.

MCL 257.303 & 257.304

BRIEF RATIONALE

A moving violation is an act prohibited under the Code or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to the Code that involves the operation of a motor vehicle and for which a fine may be assessed.¹ Examples include speeding or running a stop sign or red light. Current law prohibits an unlicensed individual responsible for two or more moving violations from being granted a driver license for three years. According to testimony, this provision contributes to a punitive cycle. An individual who is unable to receive a license due to this policy may likely continue to drive unlicensed out of necessity, potentially receiving additional moving violations and further extending the date after which the individual could receive a driver license. Accordingly, it has been suggested that this barrier limiting access to driver licenses be removed.

Legislative Analyst: Abby Schneider

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could have a minimal fiscal impact on Department of State revenues and no fiscal impact on local governments. The bill could result in the issuance of more driver licenses; however, license fee revenues are generally used to cover the cost of materials and staffing costs associated with the issuance of a driver license. Any additional revenue for the Department would be negligible.

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¹ MCL 257.601d