

MADCM Board Meeting January 21st, 2022

Legislative Report

HB 5284 – Automated Speed Enforcement Systems

- Electronic traffic sensor system that automatically detects a vehicle exceeding the speed limit.
- Produces recorded image that:
 - Clear and legible in identifying license plate
 - Location where image taken
 - Date/time image was taken
- Last action was 8/18/21 when it was introduced.

HB 4277 – Mobile Electronic Devices

- Amends section 602b which prohibits a person from reading, manually typing, or sending a text message on a wireless two-way communication device in his/her hand/lap while operating a commercial motor vehicle or school bus or while operating a noncommercial motor vehicle that is moving.
- The bill would instead prohibit a person from using a MOBILE ELECTROINIC DEVICE while OPERATING a motor vehicle or a school bus.
- Last action was 6/22/21 where a legislative analysis was completed.

HB 4184 – Expand District Court Magistrate Authority over certain marijuana civil infractions

- Would allow a DCM to conduct informal hearings and impose civil sanctions under the MRTMA.
- Last action was 4/17/21 where a legislative analysis was completed.

HB 5356 – “Equipment Violation”

- Amends 683 and 708a
- “A Police Officer shall not stop and inspect a motor vehicle, or issue a driver a citation, solely on the basis that the motor vehicle is equipped with a chipped or cracked windshield.”
- Does not apply to a farm tractor, an implement of husbandry, and a historic vehicle.

HB 4427 – Youth Tobacco Act

- Currently a criminal offense for a minor under age 18 to purchase, possess, or attempt to purchase or possess a tobacco product. Misdemeanor with max punishment of \$50.
- Bill eliminates \$50 criminal penalty and instead makes it a civil infraction with 1st violation (\$50), 2nd violation, (\$100), and 3rd or subsequent violation (\$150).
- Includes vapor products and alternative nicotine products.

HB 5370 – Turning Left Across Traffic

- Amends MVC by adding 649a: “vehicle not at an intersection who intends to turn left across a lane of oncoming traffic must yield the right-of-way to a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction that is close enough to constitute an immediate hazard.”
- Last action was 12/1/21 where a legislative analysis was completed.

HB 4014 – Basic speed law

- Amends 628. Last action was a Senate fiscal analysis completed on 10/5/21.