

Police Department

Christopher Hurst
Chief of Police



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Judiciary
HB 5665

To: House Judiciary Committee

Re: Change in Salvage Vehicle Law

Dear Committee:

First I would like to apologize for being unable to attend this important committee meeting. Being a small department with limited staff and budget, someone must remain behind to "mind the store", so to speak. I would also like to thank Representative Thomas Albert and others for considering the important piece of legislation.

Police departments around the state, especially smaller departments, have been asked to carry out their duties and tasks on limited budgets with limited staff. We are asking our legislature to consider a change in Michigan Salvage Vehicle law to allow law enforcement agencies to use the funds collected for a wider range of training and equipment. This change is needed. Departments like ours struggles with juggling the budget to either update equipment or send officers to needed training. This change in the law could have the side effect of allowing our department and others to the possibility of hiring additional staff.

We are all striving to serve our communities with what we have. Any assistance you can offer through this change would be appreciated and helpful.

Again, thank you for your consideration to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Hurst", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Christopher Hurst
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