

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY REP. GRAHAM FILLER CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

9:00 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Filler.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Yancey, Bolden, Hope, Breen. Absent: None. Excused: None.

Representative Mueller moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 18, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4701 before the committee:

HB 4701 (Rep. Howell)

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 319b, 625a, 625c, and 625g (MCL 257.319b, 257.625a, 257.625c, and 257.625g), section 319b as amended by 2015 PA 11, sections 625a and 625g as amended by 2017 PA 153, and section 625c as amended by 2014 PA 315, and by adding section 36d.

Representative Howell, testified in support of HB 4701. Questions and discussion followed.

Bridget Lorenz Lemberg, representing the Forensic Fluids Laboratories, testified in support of HB 4701. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4701, but did not wish to speak:

Sgt. Nicole McGhee, representing the Michigan State Police.

- The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4701, but did not wish to speak: Brandon Lanyon, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. Boro Reljic, representing Abbott Laboratories. Tiffany Hauser, representing AAA Michigan.
- The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4701, but did not wish to speak: Merissa Kovach, representing the ACLU of Michigan.

The Chair laid HB 4222 and HB 4223 before the committee:

HB 4222	(Rep. Filler)	A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 6404 (MCL 600.6404), as amended by 2013 PA 164.
HB 4223	(Rep. LaGrand)	A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 6410 and 6413 (MCL 600.6410 and 600.6413), as amended by 2013 PA 164.

Chairman Filler and Representative LaGrand, testified in support of HB 4222 and HB 4223.

Chief Judge Christopher Murray, representing the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Court of Claims, testified in support of HB 4222 and HB 4223. Questions and discussion followed.

Kurt Wilder, former Michigan Supreme Court Justice, representing the Butzel Long, testified in support of HB 4222 and HB 4223. Questions and discussion followed.

Judge Michelle Rick, former Assistant Attorney General, representing the Michigan Court of Appeals, testified in support of HB 4222 and HB 4223. Questions and discussion followed.

Judge Christopher Yates, representing the Michigan Judges Association, testified in support of HB 4222 and HB 4223. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4222 and HB 4223, but did not wish to speak:

Cami Pendell, representing Chief Justice McCormack.

Tom Boyd, representing the State Court Administrative Office.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4222 and HB 4223, but did not wish to speak:

Mitch Albers, representing the Michigan Department of Attorney General.

The Chair laid HB 4240 and HB 4241 before the committee:

HB 4240	(Rep. Yaroch)	A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 4708 (MCL 600.4708), as amended by 2014 PA 333.
HB 4241	(Rep. Wozniak)	A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 625n (MCL 257.625n), as amended by 2010 PA 155.

Representative Mueller moved to report out HB 4240 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 11-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Bolden, Hope, Breen. Nays: None. Pass: Reps. Berman, Yancey.

Representative Mueller moved to report out HB 4241 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 11-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Bolden, Hope, Breen. Nays: None. Pass: Reps. Berman, Yancey.

The Chair laid HB 4724 before the committee:

HB 4724 (Rep. Filler)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 539c (MCL 750.539c).

Representative Steven Johnson moved to report out HB 4724 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 12-0-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Yancey, Bolden, Hope, Breen. Nays: None. Pass: Rep. Berman.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Filler adjourned the meeting at 9:54 AM.

Representative Graham Filler, Chair

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