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Senate Bill 643 (Substitute S-2 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown  
Committee: Transportation

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Permit a motor vehicle to be equipped with a video display to enhance or supplement the driver's view, and remove a current provision that limits such a display to the rear view when the vehicle is motionless or in reverse gear.
- Permit a police vehicle, fire vehicle, or ambulance to be equipped with a monitor for use with a computer-aided dispatch system or emergency equipment controls.
- Permit a police vehicle to be equipped with a monitor for use with recording equipment.
- Prohibit aftermarket devices from being installed or mounted on or above the dashboard of a vehicle, within the deployment profile of the vehicle airbags, or in a manner that interfered with the driver's view or control.

Currently, the Code prohibits video displays within a vehicle that can be viewed by the driver. Under the bill, this would apply only to those displays that could be viewed by the driver while the vehicle was in motion and the driver was in the normal driving position.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on State and local government. The bill would broaden the types of video displays permitted in motor vehicles. To the extent that this would lead to a decline in the number of people found responsible for civil infractions, the State would see a small decrease in revenue. There are no data to indicate the number of violations of this section of the Michigan Vehicle Code. Civil infraction revenue supports public libraries.

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