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Since seatbelt use was first mandated in the 1980s, violations have been considered a "secondary offense," meaning police could not stop drivers for

The bill was approved by the House May 11 by a 68-42 vote. The Senate concurred later in the week to amendments added on the House floor. The bill is

One amendment tacked on to the bill called for passing the cost savings, realized by insurance companies as a result of their legislation, on to the policy holders. According to the estimates offered by Bullard, primary enforcement of the seatbelt law will save a total of \$170 million statewide annually, much of it as a result of lowered payouts from insurance companies to injured drivers and passengers.

Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly) offered an amendment which would have altered the bill significantly, applying primary enforcement only if minors are unbuckled. Unbuckled adults would not have been subject to the primary enforcement.

She explained that for adults, she believed seatbelt use should be a matter of personal choice. Nonetheless, the House rejected her proposal.

Bullard estimates the change will save 100 lives per year and eliminate 3,000 injuries received in traffic accidents.

Bullard said he expects the change will raise compliance with Michigan's mandatory seat-

Yes — Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield), and Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield)

No — Bob Gosselin (R-Troy)
and Ruth Johnson (R-Holly).

The following are police and fire incidents that were reported in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

In Farmington Hills:
A Commerce Township woman, 35, found her wallet had been stolen outside of T.J. Maxx on Orchard Lake and 14 Mile at 11 a.m. May 14. She thought she may have lost it but found someone had already used her Visa card at a gas station by the

ASSAULT
In Farmington Hills:
Police ticketed a Livonia man, 28, after a Hills man, 38, was punched in the face numerous times during a dispute on Mayfield near Flanders Elementary School at 7:15 p.m. May 14. The

A go-cart rider punched a Putt N' Games employee in the face several times after he was told to take his foot off the accelerator.

HEROIN SHOOTER

In Farmington Hills: Police ticketed a West Bloomfield woman, 41, for narcotic paraphernalia after finding her passed out in a woman's restroom at Mayberry's restaurant on Grand River at 10 p.m. May 14. EMS workers and police found the woman lying on the floor with her pants down to mid-thigh. A blood spot near the public area indicated where she'd just taken an injection. A spoon with heroin residue was found nearby. She was taken to Rotonda Hospital.


Police arrested a Northville man, 23, after finding 2.3 grams of marijuana on him during a traffic stop on Orchard Lake and 12 Mile at 2:35 a.m. May 15. The man, who was a passenger in the 1988 Toyota Corolla, had an outstanding warrant in Westland for marijuana delivery.

Police ticketed a Northville man, 20, after finding 5.8 grams of marijuana in a plastic bag when questioning him in the Kmart parking lot on Orchard Lake and 14 Mile at 5:15 a.m. May 16. He threw the bag over his car as officers approached. He then picked it up and tried to hide it.

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