

**TO: DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGES**  
**CC: COURT ADMINISTRATORS, MAGISTRATES**

**FROM: John D. Ferry, Jr.**

**SUBJ: SCAO Administrative Memorandum 1999-07**  
**District Court Magistrate Jurisdictional Increase**

**DATE: August 10, 1999**

**Pursuant to 1999 PA 75, effective October 1, 1999, district court magistrate authority to arraign and sentence upon pleas of guilty or nolo contendere increases from 90 to 93 days for violations of the Michigan vehicle code, sections 257.1-257.923 and certain sections of the natural resources and environmental protection act, sections MCL 324.81101 to 324.81150 and 324.82101 to 324.82160, or local ordinance substantially corresponding to these sections. Authorization by the chief judge of the district court is required before a magistrate may arraign and sentence on these violations. As in the past, certain specific sections are excluded; MCL 257.625 and 257.625m, 324.81134, 324.81135, 324.82128, and 324.82129, and substantially corresponding local ordinances.**

**There is no change in jurisdiction for misdemeanors in other areas of statute, or any substantially corresponding local ordinances, enumerated in MCL 600.8511(a).**

**A Local Administrative Order setting forth those duties the chief judge has authorized the magistrate to perform should be on file with the State Court Administrative Office prior to handling any 93-day misdemeanor. If the LAO replaces a previously approved order, the new LAO should contain a statement that the previous order (identified by number) is rescinded. Revised State Court Administrative Office LAO models for appointment of attorney and appointment of non-attorney magistrates are enclosed.**