

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 501

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 302a (MCL 257.302a), as amended by 2006 PA 298.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 302a. (1) Except as otherwise provided by this act, a
2 nonresident operator of a motor vehicle who is the holder of a
3 **VALID** license to operate a motor vehicle ~~in the~~ **ISSUED BY A** country
4 ~~in which he or she resides~~ **OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES** is not
5 required to obtain a license to operate a passenger vehicle ~~within~~
6 **IN** this state ~~—~~if he or she does not receive compensation for such
7 operation **AND WOULD OTHERWISE SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION**
8 **307(1), EXCEPT FOR THE VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY.** This subsection
9 does not apply unless all of the following conditions have been
10 satisfied:

1 ~~(a) The secretary of state determines that the standards of~~
2 ~~the other country for licensing operators correspond substantially~~
3 ~~to those of this state and that the other country extends the same~~
4 ~~privileges to persons licensed to operate vehicles by this~~
5 ~~state.~~ THE OPERATOR HAS IN HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE POSSESSION A VALID
6 LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A COUNTRY OTHER THAN
7 THE UNITED STATES.

8 ~~(b) The secretary of state and the other country have~~
9 ~~exchanged letters confirming the reciprocal extension of privileges~~
10 ~~to operate vehicles.~~ IF NO ENGLISH TRANSLATION APPEARS ON THE FRONT
11 OR BACK OF THE LICENSE, THE OPERATOR HAS IN HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE
12 POSSESSION AN INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT OR A COMPARABLE ENGLISH
13 TRANSLATION OF HIS OR HER VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE.

14 (C) THE OPERATOR HAS IN HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE POSSESSION A
15 VALID PASSPORT OR A VALID VISA THAT WAS ISSUED BY THE COUNTRY IN
16 WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WAS
17 ISSUED.

18 (2) A VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A
19 COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES THAT IS ENHANCED OR OTHERWISE
20 SECURED TO COMPLY WITH THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE
21 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1).

22 (3) ~~(2) The secretary of state shall publish on its public~~
23 ~~internet site a list of the countries for which reciprocal~~
24 ~~operating privileges have been extended and withdrawn. If any~~
25 ~~changes are made, a revised list shall be mailed to the courts,~~
26 ~~prosecuting attorneys, and law enforcement agencies of this~~
27 ~~state.~~ ESTABLISH A UNIQUE DRIVER RECORD FOR AN INDIVIDUAL UPON

1 RECEIPT OF AN ABSTRACT OF CONVICTION FOR ANY OFFENSE COMMITTED IN
2 VIOLATION OF THIS ACT BY THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OPERATING A MOTOR
3 VEHICLE IN THIS STATE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1). THE OPERATION
4 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THIS STATE BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO POSSESSES A
5 VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A COUNTRY OTHER
6 THAN THE UNITED STATES IS SUBJECT TO THIS ACT.

7 (4) AN INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM A UNIQUE DRIVER RECORD HAS BEEN
8 CREATED UNDER SUBSECTION (3) IS SUBJECT TO ALL FEES, FINES,
9 RESTRICTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT AS IF HE OR SHE WERE LICENSED UNDER
10 THIS ACT.

11 (5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS THE SECRETARY OF STATE
12 FROM ENTERING INTO A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT AND EXCHANGING LETTERS
13 CONFIRMING THE EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES TO OPERATE VEHICLES WITH
14 ANOTHER COUNTRY.

15 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A LIST
16 OF THE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS ENTERED INTO A RECIPROCAL
17 AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5).

18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
19 after the date it is enacted into law.