

# HOUSE BILL No. 4054

February 4, 1987, Introduced by Reps. Randall, Gnodtke and Bender and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend sections 695 and 717 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," section 717 as amended by Act No. 533 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 257.695 and 257.717 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 691a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Sections 695 and 717 of Act No. 300 of the  
2 Public Acts of 1949, section 717 as amended by Act No. 533 of the  
3 Public Acts of 1982, being sections 257.695 and 257.717 of the  
4 Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended and section 691a is added to  
5 read as follows:

6       SEC. 691A. WHEN OPERATED OR MOVED ON A HIGHWAY AT THE TIMES  
7 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 684, AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY SHALL BE  
8 EQUIPPED, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS

1 ACT, WITH LAMPS WHICH ARE PLACED ON THE VEHICLE SO AS TO INDICATE  
2 THE VEHICLE'S EXTREME WIDTH. A LAMP LOCATED ON THE SIDE NEAR THE  
3 FRONT OF THE VEHICLE SHALL DISPLAY AN AMBER COLOR. A LAMP  
4 LOCATED ON THE SIDE NEAR THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE SHALL DISPLAY A  
5 RED COLOR.

6 Sec. 695. All vehicles, including animal-drawn vehicles,  
7 ~~and including those referred to in section 683 (d) not hereinbe~~  
8 ~~fore specifically~~ IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, ROAD MACHINERY, ROAD  
9 ROLLERS, AND FARM TRACTORS, NOT OTHERWISE required UNDER THIS ACT  
10 to be equipped with HEAD OR REAR lamps, shall at the times speci-  
11 fied in section 684 ~~hereof~~ be equipped with at least ~~one~~ 1  
12 lighted lamp or lantern exhibiting a white light visible from a  
13 distance of 500 feet to the front of ~~such~~ THE vehicle and with  
14 a lamp or lantern exhibiting a red light visible from a distance  
15 of 300 feet to the rear OF THE VEHICLE.

16 Sec. 717. (1) The total outside width of a vehicle or the  
17 load on a vehicle shall not exceed 96 inches, except as otherwise  
18 provided in this section.

19 (2) ~~The total outside width of a farm tractor or farm~~  
20 ~~implement or machinery shall not exceed 186 inches. An agricul-~~  
21 ~~tural implement wider than 108 inches shall not be moved on the~~  
22 ~~highway between the hours of sunset and sunrise.~~ A PERSON MAY  
23 OPERATE OR MOVE AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY OF ANY WIDTH ON A HIGH-  
24 WAY AS REQUIRED FOR NORMAL FARMING OPERATIONS WITHOUT OBTAINING A  
25 SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN EXCESSIVELY WIDE VEHICLE OR LOAD UNDER SEC-  
26 TION 725. THE OPERATION OR MOVEMENT OF THE IMPLEMENT OF  
27 HUSBANDRY SHALL BE IN A MANNER SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE INTERRUPTION

1 OF TRAFFIC FLOW AND SHALL BE TO THE RIGHT OF THE CENTER OF THE  
2 ROADWAY UNLESS PROHIBITED BY OBSTRUCTIONS OR BARRIERS.

3 (3) The total outside width of the load of a vehicle hauling  
4 concrete pipe, agricultural products, or unprocessed logs, pulp-  
5 wood, or wood bolts shall not exceed 108 inches.

6 ~~(4) When pneumatic tires, in substitution for the same type~~  
7 ~~or other type of tires, have been or are placed upon a~~ EXCEPT AS  
8 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), IF A vehicle ~~in operation~~ WHICH IS  
9 EQUIPPED WITH PNEUMATIC TIRES IS OPERATED on a highway, the maxi-  
10 mum width from the outside of 1 wheel and tire to the outside of  
11 the ~~opposite~~ wheel and tire shall not exceed 102 inches, ~~but~~  
12 AND the outside width of the body of the vehicle or the load on  
13 the vehicle shall not exceed 96 inches.

14 (5) The total outside width of a bus shall not exceed 102  
15 inches.

16 (6) A vehicle ~~or farm tractor, farm implement, or~~  
17 ~~machinery~~ shall not extend beyond the center line of a state  
18 trunk line highway except when ~~legally~~ authorized by law. ~~if~~  
19 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), IF the width of the ~~farm~~  
20 ~~implement or machinery would make~~ VEHICLE MAKES it impossible to  
21 stay away from the center line, a permit shall be obtained under  
22 section 725.

23 (7) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,~~  
24 ~~the~~ THE director of the state transportation department, a  
25 county road commission, or a local authority may designate a  
26 highway under the agency's jurisdiction as a highway on which a  
27 person may operate a vehicle or vehicle combination WHICH IS NOT

1 MORE THAN 102 INCHES IN WIDTH, INCLUDING LOAD, the operation of  
2 which would otherwise be prohibited by this section. ~~The out-~~  
3 ~~side width of the vehicle or of each vehicle in the vehicle com-~~  
4 ~~bination shall not exceed 102 inches, including the load on the~~  
5 ~~vehicle. However, the~~ THE agency making ~~that~~ THE designation  
6 may require that the owner or lessee of the vehicle or of each  
7 vehicle in the vehicle combination secure a permit before ~~the~~  
8 ~~operation of~~ OPERATING the vehicle or vehicle combination. ~~is~~  
9 ~~allowed.~~ This subsection does not restrict the issuance of a  
10 special permit under section 725 for the operation of a vehicle  
11 or vehicle combination. This subsection does not permit the  
12 operation of a vehicle or vehicle combination described in  
13 ~~section 722(9), (10), (11), or (12)~~ SECTION 722A carrying a  
14 load described in ~~those subsections,~~ THAT SECTION if the opera-  
15 tion would otherwise result in a violation of ~~those subsections~~  
16 THAT SECTION.

17 (8) A person who violates this section is responsible for a  
18 civil infraction. The owner of the vehicle may be charged with a  
19 violation of this section.