

HOUSE BILL No. 4387

February 26, 1991, Introduced by Reps. DeLange, Dolan, Trim, Dalman and Hoekman and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 307 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section 257.307 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 307 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1990, being
3 section 257.307 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 307. (1) An application for an operator's or
6 chauffeur's license shall be made upon a form furnished by the
7 secretary of state and shall contain all of the following:

8 (a) For an operator's or chauffeur's license, full name,
9 date of birth, address of residence, height, eye color, and

1 signature of the applicant, and other information required or
2 permitted on the license pursuant to this chapter.

3 (b) For an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle
4 group designation or indorsement, full name, social security
5 number, date of birth, address of residence, height, sex, and
6 signature of the applicant, and other information required or
7 permitted on the license pursuant to this chapter.

8 (c) For an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle
9 group designation or indorsement, the following certifications
10 made by the applicant:

11 (i) That the applicant meets the applicable federal physical
12 driver qualification requirements pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 391
13 if the applicant operates or intends to operate in interstate
14 commerce or meets the applicable physical qualifications pursuant
15 to the rules promulgated by the department of state police under
16 the motor carrier safety act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public
17 Acts of 1963, being sections 480.11 to 480.21 of the Michigan
18 Compiled Laws, if the applicant operates or intends to operate in
19 intrastate commerce.

20 (ii) That the vehicle in which the applicant will take the
21 driving skills tests is representative of the type of vehicle the
22 applicant operates or intends to operate.

23 (iii) That the applicant has not been convicted of an
24 offense as described in section 312f or 319b.

25 (iv) That the applicant does not have a driver's license
26 from more than 1 state.

1 (d) For an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle
2 group designation or indorsement and for which the applicant
3 claims a waiver of the driving test as provided in section 312f,
4 the following additional certifications made by the applicant
5 concerning the 2-year period immediately prior to application:

6 (i) That the applicant has not had more than 1 license.

7 (ii) That the applicant has not had any license suspended,
8 revoked, or canceled.

9 (iii) That the applicant has not been convicted of any
10 offense listed in section 319b while operating a motor vehicle.

11 (iv) That the applicant has not been convicted of a moving
12 violation under state or local law relating to motor vehicle
13 traffic control arising in connection with a traffic accident.

14 (v) That the applicant is regularly employed in a job
15 requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

16 (vi) That the applicant qualifies under either of the
17 following:

18 (A) Has passed a behind-the-wheel driving test given by a
19 state with a classified licensing and testing system and taken in
20 a representative vehicle for that applicant's driver's license
21 classification.

22 (B) Has operated, for at least 2 years immediately preceding
23 application, a vehicle representative of the commercial motor
24 vehicle group or passenger vehicle for which he or she is
25 applying. Evidence shall be provided by the applicant's employer
26 or by the applicant if self-employed.

1 (2) An applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's license
2 may be photographed at the time the application for the license
3 is made. The secretary of state shall acquire by purchase or
4 lease the equipment for taking the photographs and shall furnish
5 the equipment to the local unit. Equipment purchased or leased
6 pursuant to this section shall be acquired under standard pur-
7 chasing procedures of the department of management and budget
8 based on standards and specifications established by the secre-
9 tary of state. Equipment shall not be purchased or leased until
10 an appropriation for the equipment has been made by the
11 legislature. A photograph taken pursuant to this section shall
12 appear on the applicant's operator's or chauffeur's license only,
13 and the photograph, a copy of the photograph, or a negative of
14 the photograph shall not be retained by the secretary of state or
15 any other agency.

16 (3) An application shall be signed and certified by the
17 applicant and shall be accompanied by the proper fee. This fee
18 shall be collected by the examiner and forwarded to the secretary
19 of state with the application. This fee shall be refunded to the
20 applicant if the license applied for is denied, but the fee shall
21 not be refunded to an applicant who fails to complete the exami-
22 nation requirements of the secretary of state within 90 days
23 after the date of application for a license.

24 (4) If an application is received from a person previously
25 licensed in another jurisdiction, the secretary of state shall
26 request a copy of the applicant's record from the other
27 jurisdiction. When received, the driving record shall become a

1 part of the driver's record in this state with the same force and
2 effect as if it had been entered on the driver's record in this
3 state in the original instance. If the application is for an
4 original, renewal, or change of a vehicle group designation or
5 indorsement, the secretary of state shall also check the
6 applicant's driving record with the national drivers register and
7 the United States department of transportation before issuance of
8 that group designation or indorsement.

9 (5) Except for a vehicle group designation or indorsement,
10 the secretary of state may issue a renewal operator's or
11 chauffeur's license for 1 additional 4-year period by mail.
12 ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE secretary
13 of state shall not issue a renewal license by mail unless the
14 licensee IS LESS THAN 71 YEARS OF AGE AND has a driving record
15 that is free of convictions and civil infraction determinations
16 for the 48 months preceding renewal. However, the secretary of
17 state shall not refuse to issue a renewal license by mail because
18 of a conviction or civil infraction determination for which fines
19 and costs were waived pursuant to section 901a or section 907.
20 When a license is renewed by mail, the secretary of state shall
21 issue evidence of renewal which shall be affixed to the previ-
22 ously issued license to indicate the date the license expires in
23 the future. This evidence of renewal shall be manufactured in
24 the same manner required for the operator's license in section
25 310.

26 (6) A LICENSEE WHO IS 71 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY RENEW HIS
27 OR HER OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE BY MAIL IF, IN ADDITION

1 TO MEETING ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL UNDER THIS ACT, THE
2 LICENSEE HAS COMPLETED AN ACCIDENT PREVENTION EDUCATION COURSE
3 WITHIN 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE LICENSE. A
4 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION SHALL BE ISSUED TO A LICENSEE WHO SUC-
5 CESSFULLY COMPLETES THE COURSE, AND THE LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT THE
6 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION WITH HIS OR HER APPLICATION FOR
7 RENEWAL. THE ACCIDENT PREVENTION EDUCATION COURSE SHALL INCLUDE,
8 BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 (A) A MINIMUM OF 8 HOURS OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

10 (B) A REVIEW OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 (i) THE EFFECTS OF AGING ON DRIVING BEHAVIOR.

12 (ii) THE SHAPES, COLORS, AND TYPES OF ROAD SIGNS.

13 (iii) THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL AND MEDICATION ON DRIVING.

14 (iv) THE LAWS RELATING TO THE PROPER USE OF A MOTOR
15 VEHICLE.

16 (v) ACCIDENT PREVENTION MEASURES.

17 (vi) THE BENEFITS OF SAFETY BELTS AND CHILD RESTRAINTS.

18 (vii) MAJOR DRIVING HAZARDS.

19 (viii) INTERACTION WITH OTHER HIGHWAY USERS SUCH AS MOTORCY-
20 CLISTS, BICYCLISTS, AND PEDESTRIANS.

21 (C) PSYCHO-PHYSICAL TESTING, INCLUDING DEPTH PERCEPTION,
22 BRAKE REACTION TIME, AND NIGHT VISION.

23 (7) ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL PROVIDED TO A
24 LICENSEE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION CON-
25 CERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION EDUCATION COURSES
26 AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6).

1 (8) ~~-(6)-~~ Upon request, the secretary of state shall provide
2 an information manual to an applicant explaining how to obtain a
3 vehicle group designation or indorsement. The manual shall con-
4 tain the information required pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 383.