

SENATE BILL No. 821

March 25, 1992, Introduced by Senators HART, MILLER,
HONIGMAN, BOUCHARD, HOLMES, KELLY, O'BRIEN and
V. SMITH and referred to the Committee on
Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949,
entitled as amended

"Michigan vehicle code,"

as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan
Compiled Laws, by adding section 682c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as
2 amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled
3 Laws, is amended by adding section 682c to read as follows:

4 SEC. 682C. (1) AN OPERATOR OR DRIVER WHO PERMITS A DOG TO
5 RIDE IN THE OPEN BED, OPEN CARGO AREA, OR OTHER OPEN STORAGE AREA
6 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY OR STREET UNLESS SECURED BY A
7 SEAT BELT, OTHER RESTRAINING DEVICE, OR ANIMAL CARRIER IS
8 RESPONSIBLE FOR A CIVIL INFRACTION.

1 (2) IF THE DOG IS TRANSPORTED IN A CRATE OR CARRIER, THE
2 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY:

3 (A) THE CRATE OR CARRIER SHALL BE OF ADEQUATE SIZE TO ALLOW
4 THE DOG TO SIT AND TURN ABOUT FREELY AS NECESSARY TO CHANGE
5 POSITION.

6 (B) THE CRATE OR CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT VENTILA-
7 TION AND PROTECTION FROM THE WEATHER.

8 (C) THE CRATE OR CARRIER SHALL BE SECURED IN SUCH A MANNER
9 AS TO PREVENT ITS MOVEMENT ABOUT THE OPEN CARGO AREA OF THE MOTOR
10 VEHICLE.

11 (3) IF THE DOG IS SECURED BY A TETHERING OR RESTRAINING
12 DEVICE, THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY:

13 (A) THE RESTRAINING DEVICE SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN 18 INCHES
14 BUT NOT MORE THAN 24 INCHES.

15 (B) THE RESTRAINING DEVICE SHALL BE LOCATED HALFWAY BETWEEN
16 THE 2 SIDES OF THE TRANSPORTING VEHICLE AND NOT MORE THAN 16
17 INCHES FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CARGO AREA, SHALL BE SECURED TO THE
18 FORWARDMOST PORTION OF THE CARGO AREA, AND SHALL THEN BE ATTACHED
19 TO THE HARNESS OF THE DOG.

20 (4) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

21 (A) THE OPERATOR OR DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATED AS
22 PART OF A PARADE PURSUANT TO A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL
23 UNIT WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE HIGHWAY OR STREET.

24 (B) THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE ENGAGED IN HUSBANDRY OR AGRI-
25 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

26 (C) THE OPERATOR OF A MILITARY, POLICE, OR FIRE FIGHTING
27 MOTOR VEHICLE.

1 (D) THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE, NOT ON A STATE OR FEDERAL
2 HIGHWAY, ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS OF TRAINING, TRAILING, OR HUNTING
3 PURSUANT TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT, ACT NO. 256 OF THE
4 PUBLIC ACTS OF 1988, BEING SECTIONS 300.251 TO 300.270 OF THE
5 MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.