



HOUSE BILL No. 5933

June 6, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Llewellyn, Goschka, Kaza, Walberg, Jaye, Cropsey, Bullard, Dalman, Lowe, Hammerstrom, McManus, Gnodtke and Jersevic and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 907 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended
"Michigan vehicle code,"
as amended by Act No. 287 of the Public Acts of 1995, being section 257.907 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 907 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 287 of the Public Acts of 1995, being
3 section 257.907 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 907. (1) A violation of this act, or a local ordinance
6 substantially corresponding to a provision of this act, which is
7 designated a civil infraction shall not be considered a lesser
8 included offense of a criminal offense.

1 (2) If a person is determined pursuant to sections 741 to
2 750 to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a
3 civil infraction under this act or a local ordinance substan-
4 tially corresponding to a provision of this act, the judge, dis-
5 trict court referee, or district court magistrate may order the
6 person to pay a civil fine of not more than \$100.00 and costs as
7 provided in subsection (4). However, for a violation of
8 section 674(1)(s) or a local ordinance substantially correspond-
9 ing to section 674(1)(s), the person shall be ordered to pay
10 costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine of not less
11 than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00. For a violation of section
12 328 or 710d, the civil fine ordered under this subsection shall
13 not exceed \$10.00. For a violation of section 710e, the civil
14 fine and court costs ordered under this subsection shall be
15 ~~\$25.00~~ \$5.00. Permission may be granted for payment of a civil
16 fine and costs to be made within a specified period of time or in
17 specified installments, but unless permission is included in the
18 order or judgment, the civil fine and costs shall be payable
19 immediately.

20 (3) If a person is determined to be responsible or responsi-
21 ble "with explanation" for a civil infraction under this act or a
22 local ordinance substantially corresponding to a provision of
23 this act while driving a commercial motor vehicle, he or she
24 shall be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a
25 civil fine of not more than \$250.00.

26 (4) If a civil fine is ordered to be paid under
27 subsection (2) or (3), the judge, district court referee, or

1 district court magistrate shall summarily tax and determine the
2 costs of the action, which shall not be limited to the costs tax-
3 able in ordinary civil actions, and may include all expenses,
4 direct and indirect, to which the plaintiff has been put in con-
5 nection with the civil infraction, up to the entry of judgment.
6 Except in a civil infraction for a parking violation, costs of
7 not less than \$5.00 shall be ordered. Costs shall not be ordered
8 in excess of \$100.00. Except as otherwise provided by law, costs
9 shall be payable to the general fund of the plaintiff.

10 (5) In addition to a civil fine and costs ordered under
11 subsection (2) or (3) and subsection (4), the judge, district
12 court referee, or district court magistrate may order the person
13 to attend and complete a program of treatment, education, or
14 rehabilitation.

15 (6) A district court referee or district court magistrate
16 shall impose the sanctions permitted under subsections (2), (3),
17 and (5) only to the extent expressly authorized by the chief
18 judge or only judge of the district court district.

19 (7) Each district of the district court and each municipal
20 court may establish a schedule of civil fines and costs to be
21 imposed for civil infractions which occur within the respective
22 district or city. If a schedule is established, it shall be
23 prominently posted and readily available for public inspection.
24 A schedule need not include all violations which are designated
25 by law or ordinance as civil infractions. A schedule may exclude
26 cases on the basis of a defendant's prior record of civil

1 infractions or traffic offenses, or a combination of civil
2 infractions and traffic offenses.

3 (8) The state court administrator shall annually publish and
4 distribute to each district and court a recommended range of
5 civil fines and costs for first-time civil infractions. This
6 recommendation shall not be binding upon the courts having juris-
7 diction over civil infractions but is intended to act as a norma-
8 tive guide for judges, district court referees, and district
9 court magistrates and a basis for public evaluation of dispari-
10 ties in the imposition of civil fines and costs throughout the
11 state.

12 (9) If a person has received a civil infraction citation for
13 defective safety equipment on a vehicle under section 683, the
14 court shall waive a civil fine and costs, upon receipt of certi-
15 fication by a law enforcement agency that repair of the defective
16 equipment was made before the appearance date on the citation.

17 (10) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs
18 ordered under subsection (2), (3), or (4) or an installment of
19 the fine or costs may be collected by a means authorized for the
20 enforcement of a judgment under chapter 40 of the revised judica-
21 ture act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being
22 sections 600.4001 to 600.4065 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or
23 under chapter 60 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being
24 sections 600.6001 to 600.6098 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

25 (11) If a person fails to comply with an order or judgment
26 issued pursuant to this section, within the time prescribed by
27 the court, the driver's license of that person shall be suspended

1 pursuant to section 321a until full compliance with that order or
2 judgment occurs. In addition to this suspension, the court may
3 also proceed under section 908.

4 (12) The court shall waive any civil fine or cost against a
5 person who received a civil infraction citation for a violation
6 of section 710d if the person, before the appearance date on the
7 citation, supplies the court with evidence of acquisition, pur-
8 chase, or rental of a child seating system meeting the require-
9 ments of section 710d.

10 (13) In addition to any fines and costs ordered to be paid
11 under this section, the judge, district court referee, or dis-
12 trict court magistrate shall levy an assessment of \$5.00 for each
13 civil infraction determination, except for a parking violation or
14 a violation for which the total fine and costs imposed are \$10.00
15 or less. Upon payment of the assessment, the clerk of the court
16 shall transmit the assessment levied to the state treasury to be
17 deposited into the Michigan justice training fund. An assessment
18 levied under this subsection shall not be considered a civil fine
19 for purposes of section 909.

20 (14) If a person has received a citation for a violation of
21 section 223, the court shall waive any fine and costs, upon
22 receipt of certification by a law enforcement agency that the
23 person, before the appearance date on the citation, produced a
24 valid registration certificate that was valid on the date the
25 violation of section 223 occurred.