

HOUSE BILL No. 4754

June 3, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Thomas, Wojno, Switalski, Rivet, Pappageorge, Howell, Bovin, Hale, DeHart, Schauer, Minore, Jacobs, Jellema, Scott, Brater and Vaughn and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 627 (MCL 257.627), as amended by 1990 PA
165.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 627. (1) A person driving a vehicle on a highway shall
2 drive at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less
3 than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic,
4 surface, and width of the highway and of any other condition then
5 existing. A person shall not drive a vehicle upon a highway at a
6 speed greater than ~~that which will permit~~ A SPEED THAT PERMITS
7 a stop within the assured ~~—~~ clear distance ahead.
8 (2) Subject to subsection (1) and except in those instances
9 where a lower speed is specified in this chapter, it is prima

1 facie lawful for the driver of a vehicle to drive at a speed not
2 exceeding the following, except when this speed would be unsafe:

3 (a) 25 miles an hour on all highways in a business or resi-
4 dence district as defined in this act.

5 (b) 25 miles an hour in public parks unless a different
6 speed is fixed and duly posted.

7 (3) It is prima facie unlawful for a person to exceed the
8 speed limits prescribed in subsection (2), except as provided in
9 section 629.

10 (4) The driver of a vehicle in a mobile home park as defined
11 in section 2 of the mobile home commission act, ~~Act No. 96 of~~
12 ~~the Public Acts of 1987, being section 125.2302 of the Michigan~~
13 ~~Compiled Laws~~ 1987 PA 96, MCL 125.2302, shall drive at a careful
14 and prudent speed, not greater than a speed ~~which~~ THAT is rea-
15 sonable and proper, having due regard for the traffic, surface,
16 width of the roadway, and all other conditions existing, and not
17 greater than a speed ~~which will permit~~ THAT PERMITS a stop
18 within the assured clear distance ahead. It is prima facie
19 unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to drive at a speed exceed-
20 ing 15 miles an hour in a mobile home park as defined in
21 section 2 of ~~Act No. 96 of the Public Acts of 1987~~ THE MOBILE
22 HOME COMMISSION ACT, 1987 PA 96, MCL 125.2302.

23 (5) A person driving a passenger vehicle drawing another
24 vehicle or trailer shall not exceed a speed of 55 miles per hour,
25 unless the vehicle or trailer has 2 wheels or less and does not
26 exceed the combined weight of 750 pounds for the vehicle or
27 trailer and load, or a trailer coach of not more than 26 feet in

1 length with brakes on each wheel and attached to the passenger
2 vehicle with an equalizing or stabilizing coupling unit.

3 (6) A truck with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more, a
4 truck-tractor with a trailer, or a combination of these vehicles
5 shall not exceed a speed of 55 miles per hour on highways,
6 streets, or freeways, and shall not exceed a speed of 35 miles
7 per hour during the period when reduced loadings are being
8 enforced in accordance with this chapter.

9 (7) A person driving a school bus shall not exceed the speed
10 of 50 miles per hour.

11 (8) The maximum rates of speeds allowed ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER
12 this section are subject to the maximum rate established pursuant
13 to section 629b.

14 (9) A person operating a vehicle on a highway, when entering
15 and passing through a designated work area where a normal lane or
16 part of the lane of traffic has been closed due to highway con-
17 struction, maintenance, or surveying activities, shall not exceed
18 a speed of 45 miles per hour unless otherwise determined and
19 posted by the state transportation department, a county road com-
20 mission, or a local authority. The state transportation depart-
21 ment, a county road commission, or a local authority shall iden-
22 tify on streets and highways under its jurisdiction a designated
23 work area with traffic control devices ~~which~~ THAT are in con-
24 formance with the Michigan manual of uniform traffic control
25 devices. A person shall not exceed a speed limit established
26 under this section or a speed limit established ~~pursuant to~~
27 UNDER section 628 or 629.

1 (10) ~~—A—~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A
2 person who violates this section is responsible for a civil
3 infraction.

4 (11) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (6) BY OPERATING A
5 TRUCK WITH A GROSS WEIGHT OF 54,000 POUNDS OR MORE AT 75 MILES
6 PER HOUR OR MORE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE
7 OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.