



HOUSE BILL No. 6169

November 28, 2000, Introduced by Rep. Ruth Johnson and referred to the Committee on Criminal Law and Corrections.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 625 (MCL 257.625), as amended by 2000 PA 77.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 625. (1) A person, whether licensed or not, shall not
2 operate a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the gen-
3 eral public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including
4 an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within this state
5 if either of the following applies:

6 (a) The person is under the influence of intoxicating
7 liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of intoxicating
8 liquor and a controlled substance.

9 (b) The person has an alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more
10 per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67
11 milliliters of urine.

1 (2) The owner of a vehicle or a person in charge or in
2 control of a vehicle shall not authorize or knowingly permit the
3 vehicle to be operated upon a highway or other place open to the
4 general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, includ-
5 ing an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles, within
6 this state by a person who is under the influence of intoxicating
7 liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of intoxicating
8 liquor and a controlled substance, who has an alcohol content of
9 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters
10 of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine, or whose ability to
11 operate the motor vehicle is visibly impaired due to the consump-
12 tion of intoxicating liquor, a controlled substance, or a combi-
13 nation of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance.

14 (3) A person, whether licensed or not, shall not operate a
15 vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public
16 or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area des-
17 ignated for the parking of vehicles, within this state when, due
18 to the consumption of intoxicating liquor, a controlled sub-
19 stance, or a combination of intoxicating liquor and a controlled
20 substance, the person's ability to operate the vehicle is visibly
21 impaired. If a person is charged with violating subsection (1),
22 a finding of guilty under this subsection may be rendered.

23 (4) A person, whether licensed or not, who operates a motor
24 vehicle in violation of subsection (1) or (3) and by the opera-
25 tion of that motor vehicle causes the death of another person is
26 guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than
27 15 years or a fine of not less than \$2,500.00 or more than

1 \$10,000.00, or both. The judgment of sentence may impose the
2 sanction permitted under section 625n. If the vehicle is not
3 ordered forfeited under section 625n, the court shall order vehi-
4 cle immobilization under section 904d in the judgment of
5 sentence.

6 (5) A person, whether licensed or not, who operates a motor
7 vehicle in violation of subsection (1) or (3) and by the opera-
8 tion of that motor vehicle causes a serious impairment of a body
9 function of another person is guilty of a felony punishable by
10 imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not less than
11 \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00, or both. The judgment of sen-
12 tence may impose the sanction permitted under section 625n. If
13 the vehicle is not ordered forfeited under section 625n, the
14 court shall order vehicle immobilization under section 904d in
15 the judgment of sentence. As used in this subsection, "serious
16 impairment of a body function" includes, but is not limited to, 1
17 or more of the following:

- 18 (a) Loss of a limb or use of a limb.
- 19 (b) Loss of a hand, foot, finger, or thumb or use of a hand,
20 foot, finger, or thumb.
- 21 (c) Loss of an eye or ear or use of an eye or ear.
- 22 (d) Loss or substantial impairment of a bodily function.
- 23 (e) Serious visible disfigurement.
- 24 (f) A comatose state that lasts for more than 3 days.
- 25 (g) Measurable brain damage or mental impairment.
- 26 (h) A skull fracture or other serious bone fracture.

(i) Subdural hemorrhage or subdural hematoma.

(6) A person who is less than 21 years of age, whether licensed or not, shall not operate a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within this state if the person has any bodily alcohol content. As used in this subsection, "any bodily alcohol content" means either of the following:

(a) An alcohol content of not less than 0.02 grams or more than 0.07 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(b) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of intoxicating liquor, other than consumption of intoxicating liquor as a part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony.

(7) A person, whether licensed or not, is subject to the following requirements:

(a) He or she shall not operate a vehicle in violation of subsection (1), (3), (4), or (5) while another person who is less than 16 years of age is occupying the vehicle. A person who violates this subdivision is guilty of a crime punishable as follows:

(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), a person who violates this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$1,000.00 and to 1 or more of the following:

1 (A) Imprisonment for not less than 5 days or more than 1
2 year. Not less than 48 hours of this imprisonment shall be
3 served consecutively. This term of imprisonment shall not be
4 suspended.

5 (B) Community service for not less than 30 days or more than
6 90 days.

7 (ii) If the violation occurs within 7 years of a prior con-
8 viction or within 10 years of 2 or more prior convictions, a
9 person who violates this subdivision is guilty of a felony and
10 shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more
11 than \$5,000.00 and to either of the following:

12 (A) Imprisonment under the jurisdiction of the department of
13 corrections for not less than 1 year or more than 5 years.

14 (B) Probation with imprisonment in the county jail for not
15 less than 30 days or more than 1 year and community service for
16 not less than 60 days or more than 180 days. Not less than 48
17 hours of this imprisonment shall be served consecutively. This
18 term of imprisonment shall not be suspended.

19 (b) He or she shall not operate a vehicle in violation of
20 subsection (6) while another person who is less than 16 years of
21 age is occupying the vehicle. A person who violates this subdi-
22 vision is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as follows:

23 (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), a person who
24 violates this subdivision may be sentenced to 1 or more of the
25 following:

26 (A) Community service for not more than 60 days.

1 (B) A fine of not more than \$500.00.

2 (C) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

3 (ii) If the violation occurs within 7 years of a prior con-
4 viction or within 10 years of 2 or more prior convictions, a
5 person who violates this subdivision shall be sentenced to pay a
6 fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$1,000.00 and to 1 or
7 more of the following:

8 (A) Imprisonment for not less than 5 days or more than 1
9 year. Not less than 48 hours of this imprisonment shall be
10 served consecutively. This term of imprisonment shall not be
11 suspended.

12 (B) Community service for not less than 30 days or more than
13 90 days.

14 (c) In the judgment of sentence under subdivision (a)(i) or
15 (b)(i), the court may, unless the vehicle is ordered forfeited
16 under section 625n, order vehicle immobilization as provided in
17 section 904d. In the judgment of sentence under subdivision
18 (a)(ii) or (b)(ii), the court shall, unless the vehicle is
19 ordered forfeited under section 625n, order vehicle immobiliza-
20 tion as provided in section 904d.

21 (d) This subsection does not prohibit a person from being
22 charged with, convicted of, or punished for a violation of sub-
23 section (4) or (5) that is committed by the person while violat-
24 ing this subsection. However, points shall not be assessed under
25 section 320a for both a violation of subsection (4) or (5) and a
26 violation of this subsection for conduct arising out of the same
27 transaction.

1 (8) If a person is convicted of violating subsection (1),
2 all of the following apply:

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (b) and
4 (c), the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by 1 or
5 more of the following:

6 (i) Community service for not more than 45 days.

7 (ii) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

8 (iii) A fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$500.00.

9 (b) If the violation occurs within 7 years of a prior con-
10 viction, the person shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less
11 than \$200.00 or more than \$1,000.00 and 1 or more of the
12 following:

13 (i) Imprisonment for not less than 5 days or more than 1
14 year. Not less than 48 hours of the term of imprisonment imposed
15 under this subparagraph shall be served consecutively.

16 (ii) Community service for not less than 30 days or more
17 than 90 days.

18 (c) If the violation occurs within 10 years of 2 or more
19 prior convictions, the person is guilty of a felony and shall be
20 sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than
21 \$5,000.00 and to ~~either~~ 1 of the following:

22 (i) Imprisonment under the jurisdiction of the department of
23 corrections for not less than 1 year or more than 5 years.

24 (ii) Probation with imprisonment in the county jail for not
25 less than 30 days or more than 1 year and community service for
26 not less than 60 days or more than 180 days. Not less than 48

1 hours of the imprisonment imposed under this subparagraph shall
2 be served consecutively.

3 (iii) CONFINEMENT IN A DRUNK DRIVER DETENTION CENTER, IF THE
4 PERSON VOLUNTARILY AGREES TO THAT CONFINEMENT AND QUALIFIES FOR
5 THE CONFINEMENT. A PERSON SENTENCED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL
6 BE COMMITTED TO A DRUNK DRIVER DETENTION CENTER AS PROVIDED IN
7 SECTION 3D OF CHAPTER XI OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1927
8 PA 175, MCL 771.3D.

9 (d) A term of imprisonment imposed under subdivision (b) or
10 (c) shall not be suspended.

11 (e) In the judgment of sentence under subdivision (a), the
12 court may order vehicle immobilization as provided in
13 section 904d. In the judgment of sentence under subdivision (b)
14 or (c), the court shall, unless the vehicle is ordered forfeited
15 under section 625n, order vehicle immobilization as provided in
16 section 904d.

17 (f) In the judgment of sentence under subdivision (b) or
18 (c), the court may impose the sanction permitted under
19 section 625n.

20 (9) A person who is convicted of violating subsection (2) is
21 guilty of a crime as follows:

22 (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), a misde-
23 meanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a
24 fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$500.00, or both.

25 (b) If the person operating the motor vehicle violated sub-
26 section (4), a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more

1 than 5 years or a fine of not less than \$1,500.00 or more than
2 \$10,000.00, or both.

3 (c) If the person operating the motor vehicle violated sub-
4 section (5), a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more
5 than 2 years or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than
6 \$5,000.00, or both.

7 (10) If a person is convicted of violating subsection (3),
8 all of the following apply:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (b) and
10 (c), the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by 1 or
11 more of the following:

12 (i) Community service for not more than 45 days.

13 (ii) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

14 (iii) A fine of not more than \$300.00.

15 (b) If the violation occurs within 7 years of 1 prior con-
16 viction, the person shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less
17 than \$200.00 or more than \$1,000.00, and 1 or more of the
18 following:

19 (i) Imprisonment for not less than 5 days or more than 1
20 year. Not less than 48 hours of the term of imprisonment imposed
21 under this subparagraph shall be served consecutively.

22 (ii) Community service for not less than 30 days or more
23 than 90 days.

24 (c) If the violation occurs within 10 years of 2 or more
25 prior convictions, the person is guilty of a felony and shall be
26 sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than
27 \$5,000.00 and either of the following:

1 (i) Imprisonment under the jurisdiction of the department of
2 corrections for not less than 1 year or more than 5 years.

3 (ii) Probation with imprisonment in the county jail for not
4 less than 30 days or more than 1 year and community service for
5 not less than 60 days or more than 180 days. Not less than 48
6 hours of the imprisonment imposed under this subparagraph shall
7 be served consecutively.

8 (d) A term of imprisonment imposed under subdivision (b) or
9 (c) shall not be suspended.

10 (e) In the judgment of sentence under subdivision (a), the
11 court may order vehicle immobilization as provided in
12 section 904d. In the judgment of sentence under subdivision (b)
13 or (c), the court shall, unless the vehicle is ordered forfeited
14 under section 625n, order vehicle immobilization as provided in
15 section 904d.

16 (f) In the judgment of sentence under subdivision (b) or
17 (c), the court may impose the sanction permitted under
18 section 625n.

19 (11) If a person is convicted of violating subsection (6),
20 all of the following apply:

21 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b), the
22 person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by 1 or both of the
23 following:

24 (i) Community service for not more than 45 days.

25 (ii) A fine of not more than \$250.00.

1 (b) If the violation occurs within 7 years of 1 or more
2 prior convictions, the person may be sentenced to 1 or more of
3 the following:

4 (i) Community service for not more than 60 days.

5 (ii) A fine of not more than \$500.00.

6 (iii) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

7 (12) In addition to imposing the sanctions prescribed under
8 this section, the court may order the person to pay the costs of
9 the prosecution under the code of criminal procedure, 1927
10 PA 175, MCL 760.1 to ~~776.22~~ 777.69.

11 (13) A person sentenced to perform community service under
12 this section shall not receive compensation and shall reimburse
13 the state or appropriate local unit of government for the cost of
14 supervision incurred by the state or local unit of government as
15 a result of the person's activities in that service.

16 (14) If the prosecuting attorney intends to seek an enhanced
17 sentence under this section or a sanction under section 625n
18 based upon the defendant having 1 or more prior convictions, the
19 prosecuting attorney shall include on the complaint and informa-
20 tion, or an amended complaint and information, filed in district
21 court, circuit court, municipal court, or family division of cir-
22 cuit court, a statement listing the defendant's prior
23 convictions.

24 (15) If a person is charged with a violation of subsection
25 (1), (3), (4), (5), or (7) or section 625m, the court shall not
26 permit the defendant to enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere
27 to a charge of violating subsection (6) in exchange for dismissal

1 of the original charge. This subsection does not prohibit the
2 court from dismissing the charge upon the prosecuting attorney's
3 motion.

4 (16) A prior conviction shall be established at sentencing
5 by 1 or more of the following:

6 (a) An abstract of conviction.

7 (b) A copy of the defendant's driving record.

8 (c) An admission by the defendant.

9 (17) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (19), if a
10 person is charged with operating a vehicle while under the influ-
11 ence of a controlled substance or a combination of intoxicating
12 liquor and a controlled substance in violation of subsection (1)
13 or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to
14 subsection (1), the court shall require the jury to return a spe-
15 cial verdict in the form of a written finding or, if the court
16 convicts the person without a jury or accepts a plea of guilty or
17 nolo contendere, the court shall make a finding as to whether the
18 person was under the influence of a controlled substance or a
19 combination of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance at
20 the time of the violation.

21 (18) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (19), if a
22 person is charged with operating a vehicle while his or her abil-
23 ity to operate the vehicle was visibly impaired due to his or her
24 consumption of a controlled substance or a combination of intoxi-
25 cating liquor and a controlled substance in violation of
26 subsection (3) or a local ordinance substantially corresponding
27 to subsection (3), the court shall require the jury to return a

1 special verdict in the form of a written finding or, if the court
2 convicts the person without a jury or accepts a plea of guilty or
3 nolo contendere, the court shall make a finding as to whether,
4 due to the consumption of a controlled substance or a combination
5 of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance, the person's
6 ability to operate a motor vehicle was visibly impaired at the
7 time of the violation.

8 (19) A special verdict described in subsections (17) and
9 (18) is not required if a jury is instructed to make a finding
10 solely as to either of the following:

11 (a) Whether the defendant was under the influence of a con-
12 trolled substance or a combination of intoxicating liquor and a
13 controlled substance at the time of the violation.

14 (b) Whether the defendant was visibly impaired due to his or
15 her consumption of a controlled substance or a combination of
16 intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance at the time of the
17 violation.

18 (20) If a jury or court finds under subsection (17), (18),
19 or (19) that the defendant operated a motor vehicle under the
20 influence of or while impaired due to the consumption of a con-
21 trolled substance or a combination of a controlled substance and
22 an intoxicating liquor, the court shall do both of the
23 following:

24 (a) Report the finding to the secretary of state.

25 (b) On a form or forms prescribed by the state court admin-
26 istrator, forward to the department of state police a record that
27 specifies the penalties imposed by the court, including any term

1 of imprisonment, and any sanction imposed under section 625n or
2 904d.

3 (21) Except as otherwise provided by law, a record described
4 in subsection (20)(b) is a public record and the department of
5 state police shall retain the information contained on that
6 record for not less than 7 years.

7 (22) In a prosecution for a violation of subsection (6), the
8 defendant bears the burden of proving that the consumption of
9 intoxicating liquor was a part of a generally recognized reli-
10 gious service or ceremony by a preponderance of the evidence.

11 (23) Subject to subsection (25), as used in this section,
12 "prior conviction" means a conviction for any of the following,
13 whether under a law of this state, a local ordinance substan-
14 tially corresponding to a law of this state, or a law of another
15 state substantially corresponding to a law of this state:

16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (24), a violation or
17 attempted violation of subsection (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), or
18 (7), section 625m, former section 625(1) or (2), or former sec-
19 tion 625b.

20 (b) Negligent homicide, manslaughter, or murder resulting
21 from the operation of a vehicle or an attempt to commit any of
22 those crimes.

23 (24) Except for purposes of the enhancement described in
24 subsection (11)(b), only 1 violation or attempted violation of
25 subsection (6), a local ordinance substantially corresponding to
26 subsection (6), or a law of another state substantially

1 corresponding to subsection (6) may be used as a prior
2 conviction.

3 (25) If 2 or more convictions described in subsection (23)
4 are convictions for violations arising out of the same transac-
5 tion, only 1 conviction shall be used to determine whether the
6 person has a prior conviction.

7 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
8 effect unless all of the following bills of the 90th Legislature
9 are enacted into law:

10 (a) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 6167 (request
11 no. 06702'00).

12 (b) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 6168 (request
13 no. 06702'00 a).