

# HOUSE BILL No. 5916

May 18, 2004, Introduced by Rep. Rivet and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 634 (MCL 257.634), as amended by 1988 PA  
346.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 634. (1) Upon each roadway of sufficient width, the  
2 driver of a vehicle shall drive the vehicle upon the right half  
3 of the roadway, except as follows:

4       (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in  
5 the same direction under the rules governing that movement.

6       (b) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic  
7 while under construction or repair or when an obstruction exists  
8 making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the  
9 highway. A driver who is driving on the left half of a roadway  
10 under this subdivision shall yield the right-of-way to an

1 oncoming vehicle traveling in the proper direction upon the  
2 unobstructed portion of the roadway.

3 ~~(c) When a vehicle operated by a state agency or a local~~  
4 ~~authority or an agent of a state agency or local authority is~~  
5 ~~engaged in work on the roadway.~~

6 ~~— (d) Upon a roadway divided into 3 marked lanes for traffic~~  
7 ~~under the rules applicable on the roadway.~~

8 (c) When and where official traffic-control devices are in  
9 place designating a lane or lanes to the left side of the center  
10 of the roadway for the movement indicated by the devices.

11 (d) Upon a roadway restricted to 1-way traffic.

12 (e) When making a left turn in the manner allowed by law.

13 (2) Upon all roadways, any vehicle proceeding at less than  
14 the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the  
15 conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane  
16 then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the  
17 right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking  
18 and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or  
19 when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into an  
20 alley, private road, or driveway. This subsection does not apply  
21 to a driver who must necessarily drive in a lane other than the  
22 right-hand lane to continue on his or her intended route.

23 (3) ~~— (2) Upon a roadway~~ Except as provided in subsection  
24 (4), on a limited access highway having 2 or more lanes for  
25 travel in 1 direction, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the  
26 vehicle in the extreme right-hand lane available for travel  
27 except ~~as otherwise provided in this section. However, the~~

~~1 driver of a vehicle may drive the vehicle in any lane lawfully~~  
~~2 available to traffic moving in the same direction of travel when~~  
~~3 the lanes are occupied by vehicles moving in substantially~~  
~~4 continuous lanes of traffic and in any left-hand lane lawfully~~  
~~5 available to traffic moving in the same direction of travel for a~~  
~~6 reasonable distance before making a left turn. in any of the~~  
~~7 following situations:~~

8 (a) When overtaking and passing a vehicle proceeding in the  
9 same direction.

10 (b) When traveling at a speed greater than the traffic flow.

11 (c) When moving left to allow traffic to merge.

12 (d) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection, exit,  
13 or into a private road or driveway, if that left turn is legally  
14 permitted.

15 (4) ~~-(3) This section shall not be construed to prohibit a~~  
16 ~~vehicle traveling in the appropriate direction from traveling in~~  
17 ~~any lane of a freeway having 3 or more lanes for travel in the~~  
18 ~~same direction. However, a city, village, township, or county~~  
19 ~~may not enact an ordinance which regulates the same subject~~  
20 ~~matter as any provision of this subsection. The Unless~~

21 **otherwise posted, the** driver of a truck with a gross weight of  
22 more than 10,000 pounds, a truck tractor, or a combination of a  
23 vehicle and trailer or semitrailer shall **not** drive the vehicle or  
24 combination of vehicles ~~only in either of the 2 lanes farthest~~  
25 ~~to the right, except for a reasonable distance when making a left~~  
26 ~~turn or where a special hazard exists that requires the use of an~~  
27 **alternative lane for safety reasons in the left-hand lane of a**

1 roadway having 3 or more lanes for traffic moving in the same  
2 direction except when preparing for a left turn at an  
3 intersection, exit, or into a private roadway or driveway, if  
4 that left turn is legally permitted.

5       (5) ~~—(4)—~~ A person who violates this section is responsible  
6 for a civil infraction.