

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5104

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 627 (MCL 257.627), as amended by 2004 PA 62.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 627. (1) A person ~~driving~~ **OPERATING** a vehicle on a
2 highway shall ~~drive~~ **OPERATE THAT VEHICLE** at a careful and prudent
3 speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper,
4 having due regard to the traffic, surface, and width of the highway
5 and of any other condition then existing. A person shall not ~~drive~~
6 **OPERATE** a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than that which
7 will permit 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 facie

1 lawful for the ~~driver~~ **OPERATOR** of a vehicle to ~~drive~~ **OPERATE**
2 **THAT VEHICLE** at a speed not exceeding the following, except when
3 this speed would be unsafe:

4 (a) 25 miles an hour on all highways in a business or
5 residence district as defined in this act.

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

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

11 (4) ~~The driver of~~ **A PERSON OPERATING** a vehicle in a mobile
12 home park as defined in section 2 of the mobile home commission
13 act, 1987 PA 96, MCL 125.2302, shall ~~drive~~ **OPERATE THAT VEHICLE**
14 at a careful and prudent speed, not greater than a speed ~~which~~
15 **THAT** is reasonable and proper, having due regard for the traffic,
16 surface, width of the roadway, and all other conditions existing,
17 and not greater than a speed ~~which will permit~~ **THAT PERMITS** a
18 stop within the assured clear distance ahead. It is prima facie
19 unlawful for the ~~driver~~ **OPERATOR** of a vehicle to ~~drive~~ **OPERATE**
20 **THAT VEHICLE** at a speed exceeding 15 miles an hour in a mobile home
21 park as defined in section 2 of the mobile home commission act,
22 1987 PA 96, MCL 125.2302.

23 (5) A person ~~driving~~ **OPERATING** a passenger vehicle drawing
24 another vehicle or trailer shall not exceed ~~a speed of 55 miles~~
25 ~~per hour, unless the vehicle or trailer has 2 wheels or less and~~
26 ~~does not exceed the combined weight of 750 pounds for the vehicle~~
27 ~~or 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~~ **THE POSTED**
3 **SPEED LIMIT.**

4 (6) ~~A~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, A**
5 truck with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more, **A TRUCK-**
6 **TRACTOR,** a truck-tractor with a **SEMI-TRAILER OR** trailer, or a
7 combination of these vehicles shall not exceed a speed of 55 miles
8 per hour on highways, streets, or freeways and shall not exceed a
9 speed of 35 miles per hour during the period when reduced loadings
10 are being enforced in accordance with this chapter. **HOWEVER, A**
11 **TRUCK, A TRUCK-TRACTOR, OR A TRUCK-TRACTOR WITH A SEMI-TRAILER OR**
12 **TRAILER DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED A SPEED OF 60**
13 **MILES PER HOUR ON A FREEWAY IF THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON THAT**
14 **FREEWAY IS 70 MILES PER HOUR.**

15 (7) A person ~~driving~~ **OPERATING** a school bus shall not exceed
16 the speed of 50 miles per hour.

17 (8) The maximum rates of speeds allowed ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER**
18 this section are subject to the maximum rate established ~~pursuant~~
19 ~~to~~ **UNDER** section 629b.

20 (9) A person operating a vehicle on a highway, when entering
21 and passing through a work zone described ~~in section 79e(a), or,~~
22 ~~beginning April 8, 2004, described~~ in section 79d(a) ~~—~~ where a
23 normal lane or part of the lane of traffic has been closed due to
24 highway construction, maintenance, or surveying activities, shall
25 not exceed a speed of 45 miles per hour unless a different speed
26 limit is determined for that work zone by the state transportation
27 department, a county road commission, or a local authority. The

1 state transportation department, a county road commission, or a
2 local authority shall post speed limit signs in each work zone
3 described ~~in section 79e(a), or, beginning April 8, 2004,~~
4 ~~described~~ in section 79d(a) ~~—~~ that indicate the speed limit in
5 that work zone and shall identify that work zone with any other
6 traffic control devices necessary to conform to the Michigan manual
7 of uniform traffic control devices. A person shall not exceed a
8 speed limit established under this section or a speed limit
9 established under section 628 or 629.

10 (10) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
11 civil infraction.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 9 months
13 after the date it is enacted into law.