

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 117**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 627 (MCL 257.627), as amended by 2006 PA 85.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 627. (1) A person operating a vehicle on a highway shall
2 operate that vehicle at a careful and prudent speed not greater
3 than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to
4 the traffic, surface, and width of the highway and of any other
5 condition then existing. A person shall not operate a vehicle upon
6 a highway at a speed greater than that which will permit a stop
7 within the assured, clear distance ahead.

8 (2) Except in those instances where a lower speed is specified
9 in this chapter or the speed is unsafe pursuant to subsection (1),

1 it is prima facie lawful for the operator of a vehicle to operate
2 that vehicle at a speed not exceeding the following, except when
3 this speed would be unsafe:

4 (a) 25 miles per hour on all highways in a business district
5 as that term is defined in section 5.

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

8 (c) 25 miles per hour on all highways or parts of highways
9 within the boundaries of land platted under the land division act,
10 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.101 to 560.293, or the condominium act, 1978
11 PA 59, MCL 559.101 to 559.276, unless a different speed is fixed
12 and posted.

13 (d) 25 miles per hour on a highway segment with 60 or more
14 vehicular access points within 1/2 mile.

15 (e) 35 miles per hour on a highway segment with not less than
16 45 vehicular access points but no more than 59 vehicular access
17 points within 1/2 mile.

18 (f) 45 miles per hour on a highway segment with not less than
19 30 vehicular access points but no more than 44 vehicular access
20 points within 1/2 mile.

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

24 (4) A person operating a vehicle in a mobile home park as
25 defined in section 2 of the mobile home commission act, 1987 PA 96,
26 MCL 125.2302, shall operate that vehicle at a careful and prudent
27 speed, not greater than a speed that is reasonable and proper,

1 having due regard for the traffic, surface, width of the roadway,
2 and all other conditions existing, and not greater than a speed
3 that permits a stop within the assured clear distance ahead. It is
4 prima facie unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to operate that
5 vehicle at a speed exceeding 15 miles an hour in a mobile home park
6 as defined in section 2 of the mobile home commission act, 1987 PA
7 96, MCL 125.2302.

8 (5) A person operating a passenger vehicle drawing another
9 vehicle or trailer shall not exceed the posted speed limit.

10 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person
11 operating a truck with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more, a
12 truck-tractor, a truck-tractor with a semi-trailer or trailer, or a
13 combination of these vehicles shall not exceed a speed of 55 miles
14 per hour on highways, streets, or freeways and shall not exceed a
15 speed of 35 miles per hour during the period when reduced loadings
16 are being enforced in accordance with this chapter. However, a
17 person operating a school bus, a truck, a truck-tractor, or a
18 truck-tractor with a semi-trailer or trailer described in this
19 subsection shall not exceed a speed of 60 miles per hour on a
20 freeway if the maximum speed limit on that freeway is 70 miles per
21 hour.

22 (7) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6), a person
23 operating a school bus shall not exceed the speed of 55 miles per
24 hour.

25 (8) The maximum rates of speeds allowed under this section are
26 subject to the maximum rate established under section 629b.

27 (9) A person operating a vehicle on a highway, when entering

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1 and passing through a work zone described in section 79d(a) where a
2 normal lane or part of the lane of traffic has been closed due to
3 highway construction, maintenance, or surveying activities, shall
4 not exceed a speed of 45 miles per hour unless a different speed
5 limit is determined for that work zone by the state transportation
6 department, a county road commission, or a local authority, based
7 on accepted engineering practice. The state transportation
8 department, a county road commission, or a local authority shall
9 post speed limit signs in each work zone described in section
10 79d(a) that indicate the speed limit in that work zone and shall
11 identify that work zone with any other traffic control devices
12 necessary to conform to the Michigan manual of uniform traffic
13 control devices. A person shall not exceed a speed limit
14 established under this section or a speed limit established under
15 section 628 or 629.

16 (10) Subject to subsections (1) and (2)(c), speed limits
17 established ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** this section are not valid unless
18 properly posted. In the absence of a properly posted sign, the
19 speed limit in effect shall be the general speed limit ~~pursuant to~~
20 **UNDER** section 628(1).

21 **(11) BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT**
22 **THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING ELSE TO THE**
23 **CONTRARY IN THIS SECTION, A SPEED LIMIT THAT WAS POSTED AS OF**
24 **NOVEMBER 9, 2006 IN A RESIDENCE DISTRICT ON A DIRT OR GRAVEL ROAD**
25 **LOCATED IN A CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP IS EFFECTIVE IN A COUNTY**
26 **HAVING A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 900,000 INDIVIDUALS BUT FEWER THAN**
27 **1,500,000 INDIVIDUALS UNLESS <<**

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REESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION,

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"RESIDENCE DISTRICT" MEANS THE TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO A HIGHWAY

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NOT COMPRISING A BUSINESS DISTRICT WHEN THE FRONTAGE ON SUCH

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HIGHWAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET OR MORE IS MAINLY OCCUPIED BY

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DWELLINGS OR BY DWELLINGS AND BUILDINGS IN USE FOR BUSINESS. THIS

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SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2012, OR UPON

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COMPLETION OF A TRAFFIC AND ENGINEERING STUDY OF ALL OF THE DIRT OR

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GRAVEL ROADS ADDRESSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, WHICHEVER OCCURS

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FIRST. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL NOTIFY THE LEGAL

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DIVISION OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE BUREAU WHEN ALL OF THE TRAFFIC

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AND ENGINEERING STUDIES ARE COMPLETED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

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(12) ~~(11)~~ Nothing in this section prevents the establishment

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of an absolute speed limit pursuant to ~~UNDER~~ section 628. Subject

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to subsection (1), an absolute speed limit established pursuant to

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~~UNDER~~ section 628 supersedes a prima facie speed limit established

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~~pursuant to UNDER~~ this section.

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(13) ~~(12)~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed as

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justification to deny a traffic and engineering investigation.

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(14) ~~(13)~~ As used in this section, "vehicular access point"

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means a driveway or intersecting roadway.

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(15) ~~(14)~~ A person who violates this section is responsible

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for a civil infraction.