

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 643

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 708b (MCL 257.708b), as amended by 2004 PA 362.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 708b. (1) A person shall not ~~equip or~~ operate a motor  
2 vehicle that is to be used upon the highways of this state with a  
3 television viewer, screen, or other means of visually receiving a  
4 ~~television or video broadcast which~~ **OR OTHER SIMILAR ELECTRONIC**  
5 **DEVICE THAT DISPLAYS A VIDEO IMAGE THAT** can be viewed by ~~or~~  
6 ~~reflected to the driver~~ **OPERATOR WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION.**

7           (2) This section does not apply to:

8           (a) ~~A radio~~ **AN AUDIO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM**, heating and ~~or~~  
9 conditioning **CONTROLS**, or other accessory controls in the motor

1 vehicle.

2 (b) ~~Driver, passenger, and~~ **A** vehicle information ~~and~~ **OR**  
3 navigation systems ~~SYSTEM FOR USE IN~~ displaying **ONLY** information  
4 pertaining to vehicle location, available routes and destinations,  
5 road layouts, weather conditions, traffic and road conditions, ~~and~~  
6 vehicle conditions, **OR TRAVELER SERVICES.**

7 (c) ~~Research vehicles~~ **A RESEARCH VEHICLE** if the test plan for  
8 the vehicle has been approved by a process meeting federal  
9 guidelines established in 45 CFR part 46 for the protection of  
10 human beings and the vehicle has been issued a special registration  
11 permit by the secretary of state.

12 (d) A motor vehicle equipped with a video display to ~~monitor~~  
13 ~~the rear view of the vehicle if the monitor is only activated when~~  
14 ~~the vehicle is motionless or in reverse gear and is deactivated~~  
15 ~~within 15 seconds after the motor vehicle's transmission is shifted~~  
16 ~~out of reverse gear~~ **ENHANCE OR SUPPLEMENT THE DRIVER'S VIEW.**

17 (E) **A POLICE VEHICLE, FIRE VEHICLE, OR AMBULANCE EQUIPPED WITH**  
18 **A MONITOR FOR USE WITH A COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM OR**  
19 **EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CONTROLS.**

20 (F) **A POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH A MONITOR FOR USE WITH**  
21 **RECORDING EQUIPMENT.**

22 (3) A visual device permitted under subsection ~~(2)(b)~~ **(2) (A)**  
23 **OR (B)** shall be built into the dashboard or other control area of  
24 the vehicle and shall meet all applicable federal motor vehicle  
25 dash safety standards. **AN AFTERMARKET VISUAL DEVICE SHALL NOT BE**  
26 **INSTALLED OR MOUNTED ON THE WINDSHIELD, ABOVE THE DASHBOARD, IN AN**  
27 **AREA WITHIN THE DEPLOYMENT PROFILE OF THE VEHICLE AIR BAGS, OR IN A**

1 **MANNER THAT INTERFERES WITH THE OPERATOR'S VIEW OR CONTROL.** This  
2 subsection does not apply to a **NAVIGATIONAL DEVICE DESCRIBED IN**  
3 **SUBSECTION (2) (B) OR TO** research vehicle described in subsection  
4 (2) (c).

5 (4) Upon receipt of a completed application, on a form  
6 prescribed by the secretary of state, and payment of a fee of  
7 \$10.00, the secretary of state may issue a special permit  
8 authorizing a research vehicle to use the highways of this state. A  
9 copy of the authority received by the applicant under subsection  
10 (2) (c) shall be submitted as part of the application for the  
11 special permit. The special permit may be in a form as prescribed  
12 by, and shall be displayed on a research vehicle in a manner  
13 determined by, the secretary of state. The special permit shall  
14 expire upon completion of or expiration of the specific test plan  
15 approved under subsection (2) (c), whichever occurs first, and shall  
16 be immediately removed from the research vehicle and destroyed. A  
17 special permit shall not be transferred to another vehicle or  
18 person. The fee collected under this subsection shall be credited  
19 to the Michigan transportation fund and used to defray the expenses  
20 of the secretary of state in administering the special permit  
21 program. In addition to a special permit, the appropriate vehicle  
22 registration plate shall be displayed on a research vehicle to use  
23 a highway of this state.

24 (5) A person who violates this section is responsible for a  
25 civil infraction.