

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1462

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 642 (MCL 257.642) and by adding sections 20b
and 20c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 20B. "HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE" OR "HOV" MEANS ANY MOTOR
2 VEHICLE CARRYING NO FEWER THAN 2 OCCUPANTS INCLUDING THE DRIVER OF
3 THE VEHICLE.

4 SEC. 20C. "HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE" OR "HOV LANE" MEANS
5 ANY DESIGNATED LANE OR RAMP ON A HIGHWAY DESIGNATED FOR THE
6 EXCLUSIVE OR PREFERENTIAL USE OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE OR
7 PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES CARRYING NO FEWER THAN A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF
8 OCCUPANTS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE.

1 Sec. 642. (1) When a roadway has been divided into 2 or more
2 clearly marked lanes for traffic the following rules in addition to
3 all others consistent with this act shall apply:

4 (a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable
5 entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from the lane
6 until the driver has first ascertained that the movement can be
7 made with safety. Upon a roadway with 4 or more lanes which
8 provides for 2-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall be driven
9 within the extreme right-hand lane except when overtaking and
10 passing, but shall not cross the center line of the roadway except
11 where making a left turn.

12 (b) Upon a roadway which is divided into 3 lanes and provides
13 for 2-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall not be driven in the
14 center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle
15 traveling in the same direction, when the center lane is clear of
16 traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn,
17 or where the center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to
18 traffic moving in the same direction the vehicle is proceeding and
19 the allocation is designated by official traffic control devices.

20 (c) Official traffic control devices may be erected directing
21 specified traffic to use a designated lane or designating those
22 lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction
23 regardless of the center of the roadway and drivers of vehicles
24 shall obey the directions of the traffic-control device.

25 (d) Official traffic-control devices may be installed
26 prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of roadway, and
27 drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of the traffic-

1 control devices.

2 (2) WHEN ANY LANE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN HOV LANE UNDER
3 SECTION 1 OF 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651, AND HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY
4 MARKED WITH SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS, THE LANE SHALL BE RESERVED
5 DURING THE PERIODS INDICATED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF BUSES AND
6 HOVS. THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON HOV LANES DO NOT APPLY TO ANY OF
7 THE FOLLOWING:

8 (A) EMERGENCY VEHICLES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
9 FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES, AMBULANCES, AND RESCUE SQUAD VEHICLES.

10 (B) LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

11 (C) MOTORCYCLES.

12 (D) TRANSIT AND COMMUTER BUSES DESIGNED TO TRANSPORT PERSONS,
13 INCLUDING THE DRIVER.

14 (E) VEHICLES OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES THAT ARE RESPONDING
15 TO AN EMERGENCY CALL.

16 (F) VEHICLES THAT ARE USING AN HOV LANE TO MAKE A TURN
17 PERMITTED BY LAW FOR A REASONABLE DISTANCE IN ADVANCE OF THE TURN
18 OR FOR PURPOSES OF ENTERING OR EXITING A LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY.

19 (G) TAXICABS HAVING 2 OR MORE OCCUPANTS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER.

20 (H) BICYCLES, IF THE HOV LANE IS THE RIGHT-HAND LANE OF A
21 HIGHWAY OPEN TO BICYCLES.

22 (3) ~~(2)~~—A person who violates this section is responsible for
23 a STATE civil infraction.