

SENATE BILL No. 643

July 19, 2007, Introduced by Senator BROWN and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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~~ **THAT** can be viewed by or
5 reflected to the driver.

6 (2) This section does not apply to:

7 (a) A radio, heating and air conditioning, or other accessory
8 controls in the motor vehicle.

9 (b) Driver, passenger, and vehicle information and navigation
10 systems displaying information pertaining to vehicle location,
11 available routes and destinations, road layouts, weather

1 conditions, traffic and road conditions, and vehicle conditions.

2 (c) Research vehicles if the test plan for the vehicle has
3 been approved by a process meeting federal guidelines established
4 in 45 CFR part 46 for the protection of human beings and the
5 vehicle has been issued a special registration permit by the
6 secretary of state.

7 (d) A motor vehicle equipped with a video display to ~~monitor~~
8 ~~the rear view of the vehicle if the monitor is only activated when~~
9 ~~the vehicle is motionless or in reverse gear and is deactivated~~
10 ~~within 15 seconds after the motor vehicle's transmission is shifted~~
11 ~~out of reverse gear~~ **ENHANCE OR SUPPLEMENT THE DRIVER'S VIEW**
12 **FORWARD, BEHIND, OR TO THE SIDE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE**
13 **OF MANEUVERING THE VEHICLE, IF THE DISPLAY IS AUTOMATICALLY**
14 **DEACTIVATED AT FORWARD SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 12 MILES PER HOUR.**

15 (3) A visual device permitted under subsection (2)(b) shall be
16 built into the dashboard or other control area of the vehicle and
17 shall meet all applicable federal motor vehicle dash safety
18 standards. This subsection does not apply to a research vehicle
19 described in subsection (2)(c).

20 (4) Upon receipt of a completed application, on a form
21 prescribed by the secretary of state, and payment of a fee of
22 \$10.00, the secretary of state may issue a special permit
23 authorizing a research vehicle to use the highways of this state. A
24 copy of the authority received by the applicant under subsection
25 (2)(c) shall be submitted as part of the application for the
26 special permit. The special permit may be in a form as prescribed
27 by, and shall be displayed on a research vehicle in a manner

1 determined by, the secretary of state. The special permit shall
2 expire upon completion of or expiration of the specific test plan
3 approved under subsection (2)(c), whichever occurs first, and shall
4 be immediately removed from the research vehicle and destroyed. A
5 special permit shall not be transferred to another vehicle or
6 person. The fee collected under this subsection shall be credited
7 to the Michigan transportation fund and used to defray the expenses
8 of the secretary of state in administering the special permit
9 program. In addition to a special permit, the appropriate vehicle
10 registration plate shall be displayed on a research vehicle to use
11 a highway of this state.

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