

# SENATE BILL No. 746

August 19, 2009, Introduced by Senator BARCIA and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 719a (MCL 257.719a), as amended by 2009 PA 32.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 719a. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
2 act, a person shall not operate a towing vehicle to which a mobile  
3 home or park model trailer is attached on a street or highway if  
4 that mobile home or park model trailer is more than 45 feet in  
5 length or more than 60 feet in length when combined with the towing  
6 vehicle, is more than 12-1/2 feet in height, and has an actual body  
7 width of more than 102 inches at base rail, unless that person  
8 possesses either of the following:

9       (a) A permit issued by the jurisdictional authority under this  
10 section.

1 (b) A special permit issued by the jurisdictional authority  
2 under section 725.

3 (2) A jurisdictional authority may issue to a mobile home or  
4 park model trailer transport company, a mobile home or park model  
5 trailer manufacturer, or a mobile home or park model trailer dealer  
6 an annual permit to move on a street or highway, in the ordinary  
7 course of that company's, manufacturer's, or dealer's business, a  
8 mobile home or park model trailer that conforms to each of the  
9 following:

10 (a) The mobile home or park model trailer is not more than 12  
11 feet wide.

12 (b) The actual body length of the mobile home or park model  
13 trailer is not more than 80 feet and the combined length of the  
14 mobile home or park model trailer and towing vehicle is not more  
15 than 105 feet or the total length of a combination of mobile homes  
16 or park model trailers is not more than 80 feet and the total  
17 length of a combination of mobile homes or park model trailers and  
18 towing vehicle is not more than 105 feet.

19 (3) A jurisdictional authority under section 725 may issue a  
20 special permit for the movement of a mobile home or park model  
21 trailer on a street or highway within its jurisdiction if the width  
22 of that mobile home or park model trailer conforms to both of the  
23 following:

24 (a) The mobile home or park model trailer is not more than 16  
25 feet wide plus normal appurtenances or eaves that extend not more  
26 than 6 inches from any side of the mobile home or park model  
27 trailer.

1 (b) The length of the mobile home or park model trailer  
2 complies with subsection (2)(b).

3 (4) A person operating a towing vehicle under subsection (3)  
4 shall transport a mobile home or park model trailer only on the  
5 lane farthest to the right of that person. A person shall not move  
6 a mobile home or park model trailer that is 14 or more feet in  
7 width including an eave of 2 feet when the wind velocity exceeds 25  
8 miles per hour.

9 (5) A jurisdictional authority shall not issue a permit  
10 described in subsection (2) or (3) for the transport of a mobile  
11 home or park model trailer on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday,  
12 from the noon before until the noon after a holiday, or during the  
13 hours between sunset and sunrise.

14 (6) A jurisdictional authority shall provide and a person  
15 operating a towing vehicle shall comply with all of the following  
16 in a permit issued under this section:

17 (a) The date, day, and time period during which a mobile home  
18 or park model trailer subject to the permit may be moved on a  
19 highway.

20 (b) Notice that the permit is conditioned upon its holder's  
21 compliance with the permit's terms and with the law.

22 (c) Notice that the operator of a towing vehicle transporting  
23 the mobile home or park model trailer shall operate the towing  
24 vehicle on a highway as follows:

25 (i) At a safe speed and in a safe manner that will not impede  
26 motor traffic.

27 (ii) Only when the surface condition of the highway is not

1 slippery.

2 (iii) In compliance with seasonal load restrictions.

3 (d) For a mobile home or park model trailer and towing vehicle  
4 that, when combined, are more than 80 feet in length or more than  
5 12 feet wide, all of the following:

6 (i) Notice that the mobile home or park model trailer shall be  
7 equipped with 2 flashing amber lights on the rear of the mobile  
8 home or park model trailer and 1 flashing amber light on the top of  
9 the towing vehicle.

10 (ii) Notice that the mobile home or park model trailer shall be  
11 equipped with stop lights and directional lights on the rear of the  
12 mobile home or park model trailer.

13 (iii) Notice that signs with the words "oversize load" shall be  
14 displayed on the front bumper of the towing vehicle and the back of  
15 the mobile home or park model trailer or, in the case of mobile  
16 homes or park model trailers that are 16 feet wide, notice that  
17 signs with the words "16-ft wide load" shall be displayed on the  
18 front bumper of the towing vehicle and the back of the mobile home  
19 or park model trailer.

20 (iv) Notice that the signs identified in subparagraph (iii) shall  
21 be of durable material, in good condition, with black lettering on  
22 interstate yellow background, and that each letter shall be of  
23 block lettering not less than 12 inches high at the front and not  
24 less than 16 inches high at the rear of the unit.

25 (v) Notice that a vehicle escort is required on those roads  
26 where the state police consider escort vehicles necessary for  
27 highway safety.

1           (7) Signs and other special identification for escort vehicles  
2 shall ~~conform to state transportation department requirements for~~  
3 ~~all escort vehicles for oversized loads~~ **NOT BE REQUIRED, BUT EACH**  
4 **ESCORT VEHICLE SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH AND USE A FLASHING, ROTATING,**  
5 **OR OSCILLATING AMBER LIGHT WHEN ESCORTING A VEHICLE UNDER THIS**  
6 **SECTION.**

7           (8) For a mobile home or park model trailer being moved  
8 pursuant to this section or section 725, the distance between  
9 mobile home or park model trailer axle centers shall not be less  
10 than 34 inches. The axles and tires shall meet standards  
11 established by the state transportation department.

12           (9) This section does not grant or give authority to the state  
13 transportation department that did not exist on May 1, 1982, in  
14 accordance with 23 USC 127.

15           (10) A person that violates this section is responsible for a  
16 civil infraction and may be assessed a civil fine of not more than  
17 \$500.00. The owner of the towing vehicle may be charged with a  
18 violation of this section.

19           (11) The state transportation commission may order the state  
20 transportation department to immediately cease issuing all special  
21 permits to move on the highways of the lower peninsula of this  
22 state a mobile home or park model trailer that is more than 14-1/3  
23 feet wide plus normal appurtenances that extend no more than 6  
24 inches, and an eave that extends no more than 2 feet from the width  
25 of that mobile home or park model trailer if the state  
26 transportation commission makes a determination that those permits  
27 create an unreasonable safety hazard or hazards. The state

1 transportation commission shall notify all other jurisdictional  
2 authorities of a determination made under this subsection. The  
3 order shall not prohibit the issuance of a special permit for the  
4 movement of a mobile home or park model trailer if a binding  
5 contract for the movement of that mobile home or park model trailer  
6 was executed before the commission determination of an unreasonable  
7 safety hazard or hazards.

8 (12) As used in this section:

9 (a) "Jurisdictional authority" means the state transportation  
10 department, a county road commission, or a local authority that has  
11 jurisdiction over a street or highway on which a mobile home is  
12 proposed to be moved.

13 (b) "Mobile home" means any of the following:

14 (i) A prebuilt housing module.

15 (ii) That term as defined in section 2 of the mobile home  
16 commission act, 1987 PA 96, MCL 125.2302.

17 (iii) A section of a mobile home as that term is defined in  
18 subparagraph (ii).