

# HOUSE BILL No. 4866

June 20, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Forlini, Rendon, Driskell, Dianda, Cochran, Howrylak,  
Schor, Rutledge, Jacobsen, Switalski, Pettalia, Kowall and Lane and referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 648 (MCL 257.648).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 648. (1) The ~~driver~~**OPERATOR** of a vehicle or bicycle upon  
2 a highway, before stopping or turning from a direct line, shall  
3 first ~~see~~**DETERMINE** that the stopping or turning can be made in  
4 safety and shall give a signal as required in this section.

5       (2) ~~A~~**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5), A** signal  
6 required ~~in~~**UNDER** this section shall be given either by means of  
7 the hand and arm in the manner specified in this section, or by a  
8 mechanical or electrical signal device ~~which~~**THAT** conveys an  
9 intelligible signal or warning to other highway traffic. ~~, except~~  
10 ~~as otherwise provided in subsection (3).~~

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1           (3) When a **PERSON IS OPERATING A VEHICLE AND** signal is given  
2 by means of the hand and arm, the ~~driver~~**OPERATOR** shall indicate  
3 ~~his or her intention to stop or turn by extending his hand and arm~~  
4 ~~from and beyond the left side of the vehicle and~~ signal as follows:

5           (a) ~~Left~~**FOR A LEFT** turn, ~~.....THE OPERATOR SHALL EXTEND HIS~~  
6 **OR HER LEFT** hand and arm ~~extended~~ horizontally.

7           (b) ~~Right~~**FOR A RIGHT** turn, ~~.....THE OPERATOR SHALL EXTEND~~  
8 **HIS OR HER LEFT** hand and arm ~~extended~~ upward.

9           (c) ~~Stop~~**TO STOP** or decrease speed, ~~.....THE OPERATOR SHALL~~  
10 **EXTEND HIS OR HER LEFT** hand and arm ~~extended~~ downward.

11           (4) **WHEN A PERSON IS OPERATING A BICYCLE AND SIGNAL IS GIVEN**  
12 **BY MEANS OF THE HAND AND ARM, THE OPERATOR SHALL SIGNAL AS FOLLOWS:**

13           (A) **FOR A LEFT TURN, THE OPERATOR SHALL EXTEND HIS OR HER LEFT**  
14 **HAND AND ARM HORIZONTALLY.**

15           (B) **FOR A RIGHT TURN, THE OPERATOR SHALL EXTEND HIS OR HER**  
16 **LEFT HAND AND ARM UPWARD OR SHALL EXTEND [HIS OR HER] RIGHT HAND AND ARM**  
17 **HORIZONTALLY.**

18           (C) **TO STOP OR DECREASE SPEED, THE OPERATOR SHALL EXTEND HIS**  
19 **OR HER LEFT HAND AND ARM DOWNWARD.**

20           (5) ~~(3)~~**A commercial motor vehicle, other than those A**  
21 **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE** in transit from a manufacturer to a  
22 dealer, in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required  
23 signal shall be given by, a signal lamp or mechanical signal device  
24 when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post  
25 to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of the  
26 commercial motor vehicle exceeds 24 inches, or when the distance  
27 from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit

1 of the body or load of the commercial vehicle exceeds 14 feet. The  
2 measurement from steering post to rear limit ~~shall apply~~ **APPLIES** to  
3 a single vehicle or combination of vehicles.

4 (6) ~~(4)~~ A person who violates this section is responsible for  
5 a civil infraction.