

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 501

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 302a (MCL 257.302a), as amended by 2006 PA 298.

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

1       Sec. 302a. (1) Except as otherwise provided by this act, a  
2 nonresident operator of a motor vehicle who is the holder of a  
3 **VALID** license to operate a motor vehicle ~~in the~~ **ISSUED BY A** country  
4 ~~in which he or she resides~~ **OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES** is not  
5 required to obtain a license to operate a passenger vehicle ~~within~~  
6 **IN** this state ~~—~~ **FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT HE OR SHE IS LEGALLY**  
7 **PRESENT IN THIS STATE** if he or she does not receive compensation  
8 for such operation. This subsection does not apply unless all of  
9 the following conditions have been satisfied:

10       (a) ~~The secretary of state determines that the standards of~~

~~the other country for licensing operators correspond substantially to those of this state and that the other country extends the same privileges to persons licensed to operate vehicles by this state.~~ THE OPERATOR HAS IN HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE POSSESSION A VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES.

(b) ~~The secretary of state and the other country have exchanged letters confirming the reciprocal extension of privileges to operate vehicles.~~ IF NO ENGLISH TRANSLATION APPEARS ON THE FRONT OR BACK OF THE LICENSE, THE OPERATOR HAS IN HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE POSSESSION AN INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT OR A COMPARABLE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF HIS OR HER VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE.

(C) THE OPERATOR HAS IN HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE POSSESSION A VALID PASSPORT, VALID VISA, OR OTHER VALID DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER LEGAL PRESENCE IN THIS STATE.

(2) A VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES THAT IS ENHANCED OR OTHERWISE SECURED TO COMPLY WITH THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1).

(3) ~~(2)~~ The secretary of state shall ~~publish on its public internet site a list of the countries for which reciprocal operating privileges have been extended and withdrawn. If any changes are made, a revised list shall be mailed to the courts, prosecuting attorneys, and law enforcement agencies of this state.~~ ESTABLISH A UNIQUE DRIVER RECORD FOR AN INDIVIDUAL UPON RECEIPT OF AN ABSTRACT OF CONVICTION FOR ANY OFFENSE COMMITTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT BY THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OPERATING A MOTOR

1 VEHICLE IN THIS STATE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1). THE OPERATION  
2 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THIS STATE BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO POSSESSES A  
3 VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A COUNTRY OTHER  
4 THAN THE UNITED STATES IS SUBJECT TO THIS ACT.

5 (4) AN INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM A UNIQUE DRIVER RECORD HAS BEEN  
6 CREATED UNDER SUBSECTION (3) IS SUBJECT TO ALL FEES, FINES,  
7 RESTRICTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT AS IF HE OR SHE WERE LICENSED UNDER  
8 THIS ACT.

9 (5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
10 FROM ENTERING INTO A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT AND EXCHANGING LETTERS  
11 CONFIRMING THE EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES TO OPERATE VEHICLES WITH  
12 ANOTHER COUNTRY.

13 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A LIST  
14 OF THE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS ENTERED INTO A RECIPROCAL  
15 AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5).

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
17 after the date it is enacted into law.