

HOUSE BILL No. 5062

November 4, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Singh, Cochran, Brinks, Schor, Guerra, Durhal, Wittenberg and Townsend and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 642 (MCL 257.642), as amended by 2012 PA 498.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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
3 to all others consistent with this act 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 operator has first ascertained that the movement can be
7 made with safety. Upon a roadway with 4 or more lanes that provides
8 for 2-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall be operated within
9 the extreme right-hand lane except when overtaking and passing, but

1 shall not cross the center line of the roadway except where making
2 a left turn.

3 (b) Upon a roadway that is divided into 3 lanes and provides
4 for 2-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall not be operated in
5 the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle
6 traveling in the same direction, when the center lane is clear of
7 traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn,
8 or where the center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to
9 traffic moving in the same direction the vehicle is proceeding and
10 the allocation is designated by official traffic control devices.

11 (c) Official traffic control devices may be erected directing
12 specified traffic to use a designated lane or designating those
13 lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction
14 regardless of the center of the roadway and operators of vehicles
15 shall obey the directions of the traffic-control device.

16 (d) Official traffic-control devices may be installed
17 prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of roadway, and
18 operators of vehicles shall obey the directions of the traffic-
19 control devices.

20 (2) When any lane has been designated as an HOV lane **OR A BUS**
21 **RAPID TRANSIT LANE** under section 1 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651, and
22 has been appropriately marked with signs and pavement markings, the
23 lane shall be reserved during the periods indicated for the
24 exclusive use of buses ~~and~~ **OR** HOVs. The restrictions imposed on HOV
25 lanes **OR BUS RAPID TRANSIT LANES** do not apply to any of the
26 following:

27 (a) Authorized emergency vehicles.

1 (b) Law enforcement vehicles.

2 (c) Transit buses operated by a regional transit authority
3 created under the regional transit authority act, **2012 PA 387, MCL**
4 **124.451 TO 124.558.**

5 (3) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
6 civil infraction. **A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (2) SHALL ALSO**
7 **BE ORDERED TO PAY A CIVIL FINE OF \$100.00.**

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