

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 330**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 904 (MCL 257.904), as amended by 2018 PA 50.

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

1       Sec. 904. (1) A person whose operator's or chauffeur's license  
2       or registration certificate has been suspended or revoked, whose  
3       application for license has been denied, or who has never applied  
4       for a license, shall not operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or  
5       other place open to the general public or generally accessible to  
6       motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of  
7       motor vehicles, within this state.

8       (2) A person shall not knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned  
9       by the person to be operated upon a highway or other place open to  
10      the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles,

1 including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within  
2 this state by a person whose license or registration certificate is  
3 suspended or revoked, whose application for license has been  
4 denied, or who has never applied for a license, except as permitted  
5 under this act.

6 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who  
7 violates subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of a misdemeanor  
8 punishable as follows:

9 (a) For a first violation, by imprisonment for not more than  
10 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both. Unless the  
11 vehicle was stolen or used with the permission of a person who did  
12 not knowingly permit an unlicensed driver to operate the vehicle,  
13 the registration plates of the vehicle shall be canceled by the  
14 secretary of state upon notification by a peace officer.

15 (b) For a violation that occurs after a prior conviction, by  
16 imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than  
17 \$1,000.00, or both. Unless the vehicle was stolen, the registration  
18 plates of the vehicle shall be canceled by the secretary of state  
19 upon notification by a peace officer.

20 (4) A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of  
21 subsection (1) **OR A PERSON WHOSE OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE**  
22 **OR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY**  
23 **ANOTHER STATE WHO OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE DURING THE PERIOD OF**  
24 **SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION** and who, by operation of that motor  
25 vehicle, causes the death of another person is guilty of a felony  
26 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 15 years or a fine of  
27 not less than \$2,500.00 or more than \$10,000.00, or both. This

1 subsection does not apply to a person whose operator's or  
2 chauffeur's license was suspended because that person failed to  
3 answer a citation or comply with an order or judgment under section  
4 321a.

5 (5) A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of  
6 subsection (1) **OR A PERSON WHOSE OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE**  
7 **OR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY**  
8 **ANOTHER STATE WHO OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE DURING THE PERIOD OF**  
9 **SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION** and who, by operation of that motor  
10 vehicle, causes the serious impairment of a body function of  
11 another person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for  
12 not more than 5 years or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more  
13 than \$5,000.00, or both. This subsection does not apply to a person  
14 whose operator's or chauffeur's license was suspended because that  
15 person failed to answer a citation or comply with an order or  
16 judgment under section 321a.

17 (6) In addition to being subject to any other penalty provided  
18 for in this act, if a person is convicted under subsection (4) or  
19 (5), the court may impose the sanction permitted under section  
20 625n. If the vehicle is not ordered forfeited under section 625n,  
21 the court shall order vehicle immobilization under section 904d in  
22 the judgment of sentence.

23 (7) A person shall not knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned  
24 by the person to be operated upon a highway or other place open to  
25 the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles,  
26 including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within  
27 this state, by a person whose license or registration certificate

1 is suspended or revoked, whose application for license has been  
2 denied, or who has never been licensed except as permitted by this  
3 act. If a person permitted to operate a motor vehicle in violation  
4 of this subsection causes the serious impairment of a body function  
5 of another person by operation of that motor vehicle, the person  
6 knowingly permitting the operation of that motor vehicle is guilty  
7 of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years,  
8 or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00, or  
9 both. If a person permitted to operate a motor vehicle in violation  
10 of this subsection causes the death of another person by operation  
11 of that motor vehicle, the person knowingly permitting the  
12 operation of that motor vehicle is guilty of a felony punishable by  
13 imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or a fine of not less than  
14 \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00, or both.

15 (8) If the prosecuting attorney intends to seek an enhanced  
16 sentence under this section based upon the defendant having 1 or  
17 more prior convictions, the prosecuting attorney shall include on  
18 the complaint and information, or an amended complaint and  
19 information, filed in district court, circuit court, municipal  
20 court, or family division of circuit court, a statement listing the  
21 defendant's prior convictions.

22 (9) A prior conviction under this section shall be established  
23 at or before sentencing by 1 or more of the following:

24 (a) A copy of a judgment of conviction.

25 (b) An abstract of conviction.

26 (c) A transcript of a prior trial, plea, or sentencing.

27 (d) A copy of a court register of action.

1 (e) A copy of the defendant's driving record.

2 (f) Information contained in a presentence report.

3 (g) An admission by the defendant.

4 (10) Subject to section 732a(11)(c), upon receiving a record  
5 of a person's conviction or civil infraction determination for the  
6 unlawful operation of a motor vehicle or a moving violation  
7 reportable under section 732 while the person's operator's or  
8 chauffeur's license is suspended or revoked, the secretary of state  
9 immediately shall impose an additional like period of suspension or  
10 revocation. This subsection applies only if the violation occurs  
11 during a suspension of definite length or if the violation occurs  
12 before the person is approved for a license following a revocation.

13 (11) Upon receiving a record of a person's conviction or civil  
14 infraction determination for the unlawful operation of a motor  
15 vehicle or a moving violation reportable under section 732 while  
16 the person's operator's or chauffeur's license is indefinitely  
17 suspended or whose application for a license has been denied, the  
18 secretary of state immediately shall impose a 30-day period of  
19 suspension or denial.

20 (12) Upon receiving a record of the conviction, bond  
21 forfeiture, or a civil infraction determination of a person for  
22 unlawful operation of a motor vehicle requiring a vehicle group  
23 designation while the designation is suspended or revoked under  
24 section 319b, or while the person is disqualified from operating a  
25 commercial motor vehicle by the United States Secretary of  
26 Transportation or under 49 USC 31301 to 31317, the secretary of  
27 state immediately shall impose an additional like period of

1 suspension or revocation. This subsection applies only if the  
2 violation occurs during a suspension of definite length or if the  
3 violation occurs before the person is approved for a license  
4 following a revocation.

5 (13) If the secretary of state receives records of more than 1  
6 conviction or civil infraction determination resulting from the  
7 same incident, all of the convictions or civil infraction  
8 determinations shall be treated as a single violation for purposes  
9 of imposing an additional period of suspension or revocation under  
10 subsection (10), (11), or (12).

11 (14) Before a person is arraigned before a district court  
12 magistrate or judge on a charge of violating this section, the  
13 arresting officer shall obtain the person's driving record from the  
14 secretary of state and shall furnish the record to the court. The  
15 driving record of the person may be obtained from the secretary of  
16 state's computer information network.

17 (15) This section does not apply to a person who operates a  
18 vehicle solely for the purpose of protecting human life or property  
19 if the life or property is endangered and summoning prompt aid is  
20 essential.

21 (16) A person whose vehicle group designation is suspended or  
22 revoked and who has been notified as provided in section 212 of  
23 that suspension or revocation, or whose application for a vehicle  
24 group designation has been denied as provided in this act, or who  
25 has never applied for a vehicle group designation and who operates  
26 a commercial motor vehicle within this state, except as permitted  
27 under this act, while any of those conditions exist is guilty of a

1 misdemeanor punishable, except as otherwise provided in this  
2 section, by imprisonment for not less than 3 days or more than 93  
3 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.

4 (17) If a person has a second or subsequent suspension or  
5 revocation under this section within 7 years as indicated on the  
6 person's Michigan driving record, the court shall proceed as  
7 provided in section 904d.

8 (18) Any period of suspension or revocation required under  
9 subsection (10), (11), or (12) does not apply to a person who has  
10 only 1 currently effective suspension or denial on his or her  
11 Michigan driving record under section 321a and was convicted of or  
12 received a civil infraction determination for a violation that  
13 occurred during that suspension or denial. This subsection may only  
14 be applied once during the person's lifetime.

15 (19) For purposes of this section, a person who never applied  
16 for a license includes a person who applied for a license, was  
17 denied, and never applied again.

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