

HOUSE BILL No. 5119

October 17, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Hammoud, Rabhi, Gay-Dagnogo, Schor, Lucido, Zemke and Pagan 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), as amended by 2014 PA 1.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 648. (1) The operator of a vehicle or bicycle upon a
2 highway, before stopping or turning from a direct line, shall first
3 determine that the stopping or turning can be made in safety and
4 shall give a signal as required in this section. **AS USED IN THIS**
5 **SUBSECTION, "TURNING FROM A DIRECT LINE" INCLUDES MOVING THE**
6 **VEHICLE OR BICYCLE FROM THE TRAVELED LANE OR SHOULDER INTO AN**
7 **ADJACENT LANE.**

8 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), a signal
9 required under this section shall be given either by means of the
10 hand and arm in the manner specified in this section, or by a
11 mechanical or electrical signal device that conveys an intelligible

1 signal or warning to other highway traffic.

2 (3) When a person is operating a vehicle and signal is given
3 by means of the hand and arm, the operator shall signal as follows:

4 (a) For a left turn **OR WHEN MOVING THE VEHICLE INTO THE**
5 **ADJACENT LEFT LANE**, the operator shall extend his or her left hand
6 and arm horizontally.

7 (b) For a right turn **OR WHEN MOVING THE VEHICLE INTO THE**
8 **ADJACENT RIGHT LANE**, the operator shall extend his or her left hand
9 and arm upward.

10 (c) To stop or decrease speed, the operator shall extend his
11 or her left hand and arm downward.

12 (4) When a person is operating a bicycle and signal is given
13 by means of the hand and arm, the operator shall signal as follows:

14 (a) For a left turn **OR WHEN MOVING THE BICYCLE INTO THE**
15 **ADJACENT LEFT LANE**, the operator shall extend his or her left hand
16 and arm horizontally.

17 (b) For a right turn **OR WHEN MOVING THE VEHICLE INTO THE**
18 **ADJACENT RIGHT LANE**, the operator shall extend his or her left hand
19 and arm upward or shall extend his or her right hand and arm
20 horizontally.

21 (c) To stop or decrease speed, the operator shall extend his
22 or her left hand and arm downward.

23 (5) A commercial motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor
24 vehicle in transit from a manufacturer to a dealer, in use on a
25 highway shall be equipped with, and required signal shall be given
26 by, a signal lamp or mechanical signal device when the distance
27 from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside

1 limit of the body, cab, or load of the commercial motor vehicle
2 exceeds 24 inches, or when the distance from the center of the top
3 of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load of the
4 commercial vehicle exceeds 14 feet. The measurement from steering
5 post to rear limit applies to a single vehicle or combination of
6 vehicles.

7 (6) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
8 civil infraction.

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