SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4512

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 907 (MCL 257.907), as amended by 2023 PA 40.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 907. (1) A violation of this act, or a local ordinance
- 2 that substantially corresponds to a provision of this act, that is
- 3 designated a civil infraction must not be considered a lesser
- 4 included offense of a criminal offense.
- 5 (2) Permission may be granted for payment of a civil fine and
- 6 costs to be made within a specified period of time or in specified
- 7 installments but, unless permission is included in the order or
- 8 judgment, the civil fine and costs must be payable immediately.
- 9 Except as otherwise provided, a person found responsible or

- 1 responsible "with explanation" for a civil infraction must pay
- 2 costs as provided in subsection (4) and 1 or more of the following
- 3 civil fines, as applicable:
- 4 (a) Except as otherwise provided, for a civil infraction under
- 5 this act or a local ordinance that substantially corresponds to a
- 6 provision of this act, the person shall must be ordered to pay a
- 7 civil fine of not more than \$100.00.
- 8 (b) If the civil infraction was a moving violation that
- 9 resulted in an at-fault collision with another vehicle, an
- 10 individual, or any other object, the civil fine ordered under this
- 11 section is increased by \$25.00 but the total civil fine must not be
- **12** more than \$100.00.
- 13 (c) For a violation of section 240, the civil fine ordered
- 14 under this subsection section is \$15.00.
- 15 (d) For a violation of section 312a(4)(a), the civil fine
- ordered under this section must not be more than \$250.00.
- 17 (e) For a first violation of section 319f(1), the civil fine
- 18 ordered under this section must not be less than \$2,500.00 or more
- 19 than \$2,750.00; for a second or subsequent violation, the civil
- 20 fine must not be less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$5,500.00.
- 21 (f) For a violation of section 319g(1)(a), the civil fine
- 22 ordered under this section must not be more than \$10,000.00.
- 23 (g) For a violation of section 319g(1)(g), the civil fine
- 24 ordered under this section must not be less than \$2,750.00 or more
- 25 than \$25,000.00.
- 26 (h) For a violation of section 602b, the civil fine ordered
- 27 under this section must be as follows:
- 28 (i) For a violation of section 602b(1), either of the
- 29 following:

- 1 (A) If the violation does not involve an accident, \$100.00 for 2 a first offense and \$250.00 for a second or subsequent offense.
- 3 (B) If the violation involves an accident, \$200.00 for a first4 offense and \$500.00 for a second or subsequent offense.
- 5 (ii) For a violation of section 602b(2), either of the following:
- 7 (A) If the violation does not involve an accident, \$200.00 for 8 a first offense and \$500.00 for a second or subsequent offense.
- 9 (B) If the violation involves an accident, \$400.00 for a first 10 offense and \$1,000.00 for a second or subsequent offense.
- (i) For a violation of section 674(1)(s) or a local ordinance that substantially corresponds to section 674(1)(s), the civil fine ordered under this section must not be less than \$100.00 or more than \$250.00.
- 15 (j) For a violation of section 676a(3), the civil fine ordered 16 under this section must not be more than \$10.00.
- 17 (k) For a violation of section 676c, the civil fine ordered 18 under this section is \$1,000.00.
- 19 (*l*) For a violation of section 682 or a local ordinance that
 20 substantially corresponds to section 682, the civil fine ordered
 21 under this section must not be less than \$100.00 or more than
 22 \$500.00.
- 23 (m) For a violation of section 710d, the civil fine ordered 24 under this section must not be more than \$10.00, subject to 25 subsection (11).
- 26 (n) For a violation of section 710e, the civil fine and court costs ordered under this subsection must be \$25.00.
- 28 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if an29 individual is determined to be responsible or responsible "with

- 1 explanation" for a civil infraction under this act or a local
- 2 ordinance that substantially corresponds to a provision of this act
- 3 while driving a commercial motor vehicle, the individual must be
- 4 ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine
- **5** of not more than \$250.00.
- **6** (4) If a civil fine is ordered under subsection (2) or (3),
- 7 the judge or district court magistrate shall summarily tax and
- 8 determine the costs of the action, which are not limited to the
- 9 costs taxable in ordinary civil actions, and may include all
- 10 expenses, direct and indirect, to which the plaintiff has been put
- 11 in connection with the civil infraction, up to the entry of
- 12 judgment. Costs must not be ordered in excess of \$100.00. A civil
- 13 fine ordered under subsection (2) or (3) must not be waived unless
- 14 costs ordered under this subsection are waived. Except as otherwise
- 15 provided by law, costs are payable to the general fund of the
- 16 plaintiff.
- 17 (5) In addition to a civil fine and costs ordered under
- 18 subsection (2) or (3) and subsection (4) and the justice system
- 19 assessment ordered under subsection (12), the judge or district
- 20 court magistrate may order the individual to attend and complete a
- 21 program of treatment, education, or rehabilitation.
- 22 (6) A district court magistrate shall impose the sanctions
- 23 permitted under subsections (2), (3), and (5) only to the extent
- 24 expressly authorized by the chief judge or only judge of the
- 25 district court district.
- 26 (7) Each district of the district court and each municipal
- 27 court may establish a schedule of civil fines, costs, and
- 28 assessments to be imposed for civil infractions that occur within
- 29 the respective district or city. If a schedule is established, it

- 1 must be prominently posted and readily available for public
- 2 inspection. A schedule need not include all violations that are
- 3 designated by law or ordinance as civil infractions. A schedule may
- 4 exclude cases on the basis of a defendant's prior record of civil
- 5 infractions or traffic offenses, or a combination of civil
- 6 infractions and traffic offenses.
- 7 (8) The state court administrator shall annually publish and
- 8 distribute to each district and court a recommended range of civil
- 9 fines and costs for first-time civil infractions. This
- 10 recommendation is not binding on the courts having that have
- 11 jurisdiction over civil infractions but is intended to act as a
- 12 normative guide for judges and district court magistrates and a
- 13 basis for public evaluation of disparities in the imposition of
- 14 civil fines and costs throughout this state.
- 15 (9) If a person has received a civil infraction citation for
- 16 defective safety equipment on a vehicle under section 683, the
- 17 court shall waive a civil fine, costs, and assessments on receipt
- 18 of certification by a law enforcement agency that repair of the
- 19 defective equipment was made before the appearance date on the
- 20 citation.
- 21 (10) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs ordered
- 22 under subsection (2), (3), or (4) or a justice system assessment
- 23 ordered under subsection (12), or an installment of the fine,
- 24 costs, or assessment, may be collected by a means authorized for
- 25 the enforcement of a judgment under chapter 40 of the revised
- 26 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.4001 to 600.4065, or
- 27 under chapter 60 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA
- 28 236, MCL 600.6001 to 600.6098.
- 29 (11) The court may waive any civil fine, cost, or assessment

- 1 against an individual who received a civil infraction citation for
- 2 a violation of section 710d if the individual, before the
- 3 appearance date on the citation, supplies the court with evidence
- 4 of acquisition , purchase, or rental of a child seating system
- 5 meeting that meets the requirements of section 710d and evidence
- 6 that the individual has received education from a certified child
- 7 passenger safety technician.
- 8 (12) In addition to any civil fines or costs ordered to be
- 9 paid under this section, the judge or district court magistrate
- 10 shall order the defendant to pay a justice system assessment of
- 11 \$40.00 for each civil infraction determination, except for a
- 12 parking violation or a violation for which the total fine and costs
- imposed are \$10.00 or less. On payment of the assessment, the clerk
- 14 of the court shall transmit the assessment collected to the state
- 15 treasury to be deposited into the justice system fund created in
- 16 section 181 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL
- 17 600.181. An assessment levied under this subsection is not a civil
- 18 fine for purposes of section 909.
- 19 (13) If a person has received a citation for a violation of
- 20 section 223, the court shall waive any civil fine, costs, and
- 21 assessment —on receipt of certification by a law enforcement
- 22 agency that the person, before the appearance date on the citation,
- 23 produced a valid registration certificate that was valid on the
- 24 date the violation of section 223 occurred.
- 25 (14) If a person has received a citation for a violation of
- 26 section 328(1) for failing to produce a certificate of insurance
- 27 under section 328(2), the court may waive the fee described in
- 28 section 328(3)(c) and shall waive any fine, costs, and any other
- 29 fee or assessment otherwise authorized under this act on receipt of

- 1 verification by the court that the person, before the appearance
- 2 date on the citation, produced valid proof of insurance that was in
- 3 effect at the time when the violation of section 328(1) occurred.
- 4 Insurance obtained subsequent to the time of after the violation
- 5 occurred does not make the person eligible for a waiver under this
- 6 subsection.
- 7 (15) If a person is determined to be responsible or
- 8 responsible "with explanation" for a civil infraction under this
- 9 act or a local ordinance that substantially corresponds to a
- 10 provision of this act and the civil infraction arises out of the
- 11 ownership or operation of a commercial quadricycle, the person must
- 12 be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil
- 13 fine of not more than \$500.00.
- 14 (16) As used in this section, "moving violation" means an act
- 15 or omission prohibited under this act or a local ordinance that
- 16 substantially corresponds to this act that involves the operation
- 17 of a motor vehicle and for which a fine may be assessed.
- 18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 180 days
- 19 after the date it is enacted into law.
- 20 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 21 unless House Bill No. 4511 of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into
- **22** law.