

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4691**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 602a (MCL 257.602a), as amended by 1999 PA 73.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 602a. (1) A driver of a motor vehicle who is given by
2 hand, voice, emergency light, or siren a visual or audible signal
3 by a police or conservation officer, acting in the lawful
4 performance of ~~his or her~~ **the police officer's or conservation**
5 **officer's** duty, directing the driver to bring ~~his or her~~ **the**
6 **driver's** motor vehicle to a stop shall not willfully fail to obey
7 that direction by increasing the speed of the motor vehicle,
8 extinguishing the lights of the motor vehicle, or otherwise
9 attempting to flee or elude the officer. This subsection does not



1 apply unless the police or conservation officer giving the signal
 2 is in uniform and the officer's vehicle is identified as an
 3 official police or department of natural resources vehicle.

4 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), (4), or (5), an
 5 individual who violates subsection (1) is guilty of fourth-degree
 6 fleeing and eluding, a felony punishable ~~by imprisonment as~~
 7 **follows:**

8 (a) For an individual who does not have a previous conviction
 9 for fleeing and eluding under this section or section 479a of the
 10 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.479a, imprisonment for
 11 not more than 2 years, ~~or~~ a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

12 (b) For an individual with 1 or more previous convictions for
 13 any degree of fleeing and eluding under this section or section
 14 479a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.479a,
 15 imprisonment for not less than 30 days or more than 2 years and in
 16 addition the individual may be ordered to pay a fine of not more
 17 than \$500.00.

18 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) or (5), an individual
 19 who violates subsection (1) is guilty of third-degree fleeing and
 20 eluding, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not **less than 1**
 21 **year or** more than 5 years ~~or~~ **and in addition may be ordered to pay**
 22 a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, ~~or both,~~ if 1 or more of the
 23 following circumstances apply:

24 (a) The violation results in a collision or accident.

25 (b) A portion of the violation occurred in an area where the
 26 speed limit is 35 miles an hour or less, whether that speed limit
 27 is posted or imposed as a matter of law.

28 (c) The individual has a prior conviction for fourth-degree
 29 fleeing and eluding, attempted fourth-degree fleeing and eluding,



1 or fleeing and eluding under a current or former law of this state
2 prohibiting substantially similar conduct.

3 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), an individual who
4 violates subsection (1) is guilty of second-degree fleeing and
5 eluding, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not **less than 2**
6 **years or** more than 10 years ~~or and in addition may be ordered to~~
7 **pay** a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, ~~or both,~~ if 1 or more of the
8 following circumstances apply:

9 (a) The violation results in serious injury to an individual.

10 (b) The individual has 1 or more prior convictions for first-,
11 second-, or third-degree fleeing and eluding, attempted first-,
12 second-, or third-degree fleeing and eluding, or fleeing and
13 eluding under a current or former law of this state prohibiting
14 substantially similar conduct.

15 (c) The individual has any combination of 2 or more prior
16 convictions for fourth-degree fleeing and eluding, attempted
17 fourth-degree fleeing and eluding, or fleeing and eluding under a
18 current or former law of this state prohibiting substantially
19 similar conduct.

20 (5) If the violation results in the death of another
21 individual, an individual who violates subsection (1) is guilty of
22 first-degree fleeing and eluding, a felony punishable by
23 imprisonment for not **less than 5 years or** more than 15 years ~~or and~~
24 **in addition may be ordered to pay** a fine of not more than
25 \$10,000.00. ~~, or both.~~

26 (6) A conviction under this section does not prohibit a
27 conviction and sentence under any other applicable provision,
28 except section 479a(2), (3), (4), or (5) of the Michigan penal
29 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.479a, for conduct arising out of the



1 same transaction.

2 (7) As used in this section, "serious injury" means a physical
3 injury that is not necessarily permanent, but that constitutes
4 serious bodily disfigurement or that seriously impairs the
5 functioning of a body organ or limb. Serious injury includes, but
6 is not limited to, 1 or more of the following:

7 (a) Loss of a limb or use of a limb.

8 (b) Loss of a hand, foot, finger, or thumb or use of a hand,
9 foot, finger, or thumb.

10 (c) Loss of an eye or ear or use of an eye or ear.

11 (d) Loss or substantial impairment of a bodily function.

12 (e) Serious visible disfigurement.

13 (f) A comatose state that lasts for more than 3 days.

14 (g) Measurable brain damage or mental impairment.

15 (h) A skull fracture or other serious bone fracture.

16 (i) Subdural hemorrhage or hematoma.

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

19 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
20 unless House Bill No. 4690 of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into
21 law.