

# HOUSE BILL No. 4385

March 25, 1987, Introduced by Rep. Porreca and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend sections 4b, 307, and 721 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," section 4b as amended by Act No. 174 of the Public Acts of 1980 and section 307 as amended by Act No. 30 of the Public Acts of 1984, being sections 257.4b, 257.307, and 257.721 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 4b, 307, and 721 of Act No. 300 of the  
2 Public Acts of 1949, section 4b as amended by Act No. 174 of the  
3 Public Acts of 1980 and section 307 as amended by Act No. 30 of  
4 the Public Acts of 1984, being sections 257.4b, 257.307, and  
5 257.721 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as  
6 follows:

1       Sec. 4b. "Bus" means a motor vehicle designed for carrying  
2 16 OR more ~~than 10~~ passengers and used for the transportation  
3 of persons. ~~and a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed~~  
4 ~~and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.~~ Bus  
5 does not include a school bus, OR a bus equipped and used for  
6 living or camping purposes. ~~, or a motor vehicle which is used~~  
7 ~~in a car pool, vanpool, or a family passenger vehicle and which~~  
8 ~~is designed to carry 15 persons or less.~~

9       Sec. 307. (1) An application for an operator's or  
10 chauffeur's license shall be made upon a form furnished by the  
11 secretary of state and shall contain ALL OF the following: full  
12 name, date of birth, address, place of residence, information  
13 required or permitted on the license pursuant to this chapter,  
14 and signature of the applicant.

15       (2) An applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's license  
16 may be photographed simultaneously at the time the application  
17 for the respective license is made. The secretary of state shall  
18 acquire by purchase or lease the equipment for taking the pic-  
19 tures and furnish it to the local unit. Equipment purchased or  
20 leased for carrying out this act shall be acquired under standard  
21 purchasing procedures of the department of management and budget  
22 based on standards and specifications established by the secre-  
23 tary of state. Equipment shall not be purchased or leased until  
24 an appropriation for the equipment has been made by the legisla-  
25 ture after a budget request has been properly presented to the  
26 legislature. The photograph shall appear on the applicant's  
27 driver's license only and a photograph or negative of the

1 photograph shall not be kept on file by the secretary of state or  
2 any other enforcement agency.

3 (3) An application shall be signed and certified by the  
4 applicant. An application shall be accompanied by the proper fee  
5 to be collected by the examiner and forwarded to the secretary of  
6 state with the application. This fee shall be refunded to the  
7 applicant when the license applied for is denied, but the fee  
8 shall not be refunded to an applicant who fails to complete the  
9 examination requirements of the secretary of state within ~~90~~  
10 150 days after the date of application for a license.

11 (4) If an application is received from a person previously  
12 licensed in another jurisdiction, the secretary of state shall  
13 request a copy of the applicant's record from the other  
14 jurisdiction. When received, the driving record shall become a  
15 part of the driver's record in this state with the same force and  
16 effect as though entered on the driver's record in this state in  
17 the original instance.

18 (5) The secretary of state may issue a renewal operator's or  
19 chauffeur's license for 1 additional 4-year period by mail. The  
20 secretary of state shall not issue a renewal license by mail  
21 unless the licensee has a driving record which is free of convic-  
22 tions and civil infraction determinations for the 48 months  
23 IMMEDIATELY preceding renewal. ~~However, the~~ THE SECRETARY OF  
24 STATE SHALL REQUIRE A PERSON RENEWING A LICENSE BY MAIL TO CER-  
25 TIFY THAT HE OR SHE DOES NOT HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION WHICH WOULD  
26 IMPAIR THE PERSON'S ABILITY TO DRIVE. THE secretary of state  
27 shall not refuse to issue a renewal license by mail because of a

1 conviction or civil infraction determination for which fines and  
2 costs were waived pursuant to section 901a or section 907(8),  
3 (9), (12), or (14). When a license is renewed by mail, the sec-  
4 retary of state shall issue evidence of renewal which shall be  
5 affixed to the previously issued license to indicate the date the  
6 license expires in the future. This evidentiary document shall  
7 be manufactured in the same manner required of the operator's  
8 license in section 310. ~~of this act. The secretary of state~~  
9 ~~shall implement this subsection with respect to licensees 7+~~  
10 ~~years of age or older beginning with operator's and chauffeur's~~  
11 ~~licenses which expire on January 1, 1984.~~

12       Sec. 721. (1) A passenger vehicle OR A PICKUP TRUCK shall  
13 not be driven upon a highway drawing or having attached to the  
14 passenger vehicle more than 1 vehicle or trailer, EXCEPT THAT A  
15 PICKUP TRUCK USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES SHALL NOT TOW MORE  
16 THAN 2 EMPTY TRAILERS NOR MORE THAN 1 TRAILER CARRYING A LOAD.

17       (2) The drawbar or other connection between 2 vehicles, 1 of  
18 which is towing or drawing the other on a highway, shall not  
19 exceed 15 feet in length from 1 vehicle to the other. If the  
20 connection consists of a chain, rope, or cable, there shall be  
21 displayed upon the connection a red flag or other signal or cloth  
22 not less than 12 inches both in length and width.

23       (3) A vehicle or trailer drawn by a motor propelled vehicle  
24 shall be so attached to the vehicle with forms of coupling  
25 devices which will prevent the vehicle or trailer from being  
26 deflected more than 6 inches from the path of the towing  
27 vehicle's wheels. The vehicle or trailer shall also be connected

1 to the towing vehicle, by suitable safety chains or devices, 1 on  
2 each side of the coupling and at the extreme outer edge of the  
3 vehicle and each chain or device and connection used shall be of  
4 sufficient strength to haul the trailer when loaded.

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