

HOUSE BILL No. 4853

May 22, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Bennane, DeMars, Hertel, Olshove, Kosteva and Gire and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 634 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 346 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 257.634 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 634 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 346 of the Public Acts of 1988, being
3 section 257.634 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 634. (1) Upon each roadway of sufficient width, the
6 driver of a vehicle shall drive the vehicle upon the right half
7 of the roadway, except as follows:

8 (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding
9 in the same direction under the rules governing that movement.

1 (b) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic
2 while under construction or repair or when an obstruction exists
3 making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the
4 highway. A driver who is driving on the left half of a roadway
5 under this subdivision shall yield the right-of-way to an oncom-
6 ing vehicle traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstruc-
7 ted portion of the roadway.

8 (c) When a vehicle operated by a state agency or a local
9 authority or an agent of a state agency or local authority is
10 engaged in work on the roadway.

11 (d) Upon a roadway divided into 3 marked lanes for traffic
12 under the rules applicable on the roadway.

13 (2) Upon a roadway having 2 or more lanes for travel in 1
14 direction, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the vehicle in the
15 extreme right-hand lane available for travel except as otherwise
16 provided in this section. However, the driver of a vehicle OTHER
17 THAN A TRUCK may drive the vehicle in any lane lawfully available
18 to traffic moving in the same direction of travel when the lanes
19 are occupied by vehicles moving in substantially continuous lanes
20 of traffic and THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE, INCLUDING A TRUCK, MAY
21 DRIVE THE VEHICLE in any left-hand lane lawfully available to
22 traffic moving in the same direction of travel for a reasonable
23 distance before making a left turn.

24 (3) This section shall not be construed to prohibit THE
25 DRIVER OF a vehicle traveling in the appropriate direction from
26 ~~traveling~~ DRIVING THE VEHICLE in any lane of a freeway having 3
27 or more lanes for travel in the same direction. However, a city,

1 village, township, or county ~~may~~ SHALL not enact an ordinance
2 which regulates the same subject matter as any provision of this
3 subsection. The driver of a truck with a gross weight of more
4 than 10,000 pounds, a truck tractor, or a combination of a vehi-
5 cle and trailer or semitrailer shall drive the vehicle or combi-
6 nation of vehicles only in either of the 2 lanes farthest to the
7 right, except for a reasonable distance when making a left turn
8 or where a special hazard exists that requires the use of an
9 alternative lane for safety reasons.

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