



# HOUSE BILL No. 4884

September 28, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Vear, Garcia, Rick Johnson, Allen, Spade, Caul and Rocca and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 629 (MCL 257.629), as amended by 1988 PA  
368.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 629. (1) Local authorities may establish or increase  
2 the prima facie speed limits on highways under their jurisdiction  
3 subject to the following limitations:

4       (a) A highway within a business or residential district on  
5 which the prima facie speed limit is increased shall be desig-  
6 nated a through highway at the entrance to which vehicles shall  
7 be required to stop before entering, except that where 2 of these  
8 through highways intersect, local authorities may require traffic  
9 on only 1 highway to stop before entering the intersection.

1 (b) The local authorities shall place and maintain, upon all  
2 through highways in which the permissible speed is increased,  
3 adequate signs giving notice of the special regulations and shall  
4 also place and maintain upon each highway intersecting a through  
5 highway, appropriate signs which shall be reflectorized or illu-  
6 minated at night.

7 (c) Local authorities may establish prima facie lawful speed  
8 limits on highways outside of business or residential districts  
9 which shall not be less than 25 miles per hour, except as pro-  
10 vided in subsection (4).

11 (d) Before a local authority increases or decreases the  
12 prima facie speed limit on a state trunk line highway within a  
13 school zone, the local authority shall confer with the state  
14 transportation department, the department of state police, and  
15 the school board of the affected school district.

16 (2) The state transportation commission may establish the  
17 speed which shall be prima facie lawful upon all trunk line high-  
18 ways outside of business districts and located within cities and  
19 villages and outside of school zones, as follows:

20 (a) A written copy of the authorization or determination  
21 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of the county or  
22 counties where the highway is located and a certified copy of the  
23 authorization or determination shall be prima facie evidence in  
24 all courts of the issuance of the authorization or  
25 determination.

26 (b) When the state transportation commission increases the  
27 speed upon a trunk line highway as provided in this act, subject

1 to section 627a, the state transportation department shall place  
2 and maintain upon these highways adequate signs giving notice of  
3 the permissible speed fixed by the state transportation  
4 commission.

5 (3) Local authorities are authorized to decrease the prima  
6 facie speed limits in public parks under their jurisdiction. A  
7 decrease in the prima facie speed limits shall be binding when  
8 adequate signs are duly posted giving notice of the reduced  
9 speeds.

10 (4) Local authorities are authorized to decrease the prima  
11 facie speed limits to not less than 15 miles an hour on each  
12 street or highway under their jurisdiction which is adjacent to a  
13 publicly owned park or playground. A decrease in the prima facie  
14 speed limits shall be binding when adequate signs are duly posted  
15 giving notice of the reduced speeds. As used in this subsection,  
16 "local authority" includes the county road commission with the  
17 concurrence of the township board of a township for a street or  
18 highway within the boundaries of the township.

19 (5) The maximum rates of speed allowed pursuant to this sec-  
20 tion are subject to the maximum rate established pursuant to sec-  
21 tion 629b.

22 (6) THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE  
23 OF THE COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION AND THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE,  
24 SHALL PRODUCE A WRITTEN PAMPHLET DESCRIBING THE MANNER IN WHICH  
25 SPEED LIMITS ARE DETERMINED AND IN WHAT MANNER THESE LIMITS MAY  
26 BE INCREASED OR DECREASED ON THE VARIOUS HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND  
27 STREETS IN THIS STATE. THE PAMPHLET SHALL BE WRITTEN IN PLAIN

1 ENGLISH AND SHALL BE UPDATED AS NECESSARY TO REFLECT CHANGES IN  
2 LAW OR POLICY. COPIES SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT SECRETARY OF  
3 STATE BRANCH OFFICES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES AND SHALL  
4 ALSO BE PRODUCED IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT.

5 (7) ~~-(6)-~~ A person who exceeds a lawful speed limit estab-  
6 lished pursuant to this section is responsible for a civil  
7 infraction.

8 (8) ~~-(7)-~~ As used in this section, "local authority" means  
9 the governing body of a city or village, except as provided in  
10 subsection (4).