

# HOUSE BILL No. 6414

September 10, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Hopgood and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding sections 20b, 20c, and 642a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 20B. "HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE" OR "HOV" MEANS ANY MOTOR  
2 VEHICLE CARRYING NO FEWER THAN A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS  
3 INCLUDING THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE.

4           SEC. 20C. "HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE" OR "HOV LANE" MEANS  
5 ANY DESIGNATED LANE OR RAMP ON A HIGHWAY DESIGNATED FOR THE  
6 EXCLUSIVE OR PREFERENTIAL USE OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE OR  
7 PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES CARRYING NO FEWER THAN A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF  
8 OCCUPANTS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE.

9           SEC. 642A. (1) WHEN ANY LANE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN HOV  
10 LANE UNDER SECTION 1 OF 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651, AND HAS BEEN

1 APPROPRIATELY MARKED WITH SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS, THE LANE  
2 SHALL BE RESERVED DURING THE PERIODS INDICATED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE  
3 USE OF BUSES AND HOVS. THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY, CITY, OR  
4 VILLAGE MAY ALSO DESIGNATE HOV LANES AND IMPOSE AND ENFORCE  
5 RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF HOV LANES WITH RESPECT TO ANY HIGHWAY  
6 UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY,  
7 CITY, OR VILLAGE. THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON HOV LANES DO NOT  
8 APPLY TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 (A) EMERGENCY VEHICLES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
10 FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES, AMBULANCES, AND RESCUE SQUAD VEHICLES.

11 (B) LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

12 (C) MOTORCYCLES.

13 (D) TRANSIT AND COMMUTER BUSES DESIGNED TO TRANSPORT 16 OR  
14 MORE PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER.

15 (E) VEHICLES OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES THAT ARE RESPONDING  
16 TO AN EMERGENCY CALL.

17 (F) VEHICLES THAT ARE USING AN HOV LANE TO MAKE A TURN  
18 PERMITTED BY LAW FOR A REASONABLE DISTANCE IN ADVANCE OF THE TURN  
19 OR FOR PURPOSES OF ENTERING OR EXITING A LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY.

20 (G) TAXICABS HAVING 2 OR MORE OCCUPANTS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER.

21 (H) BICYCLES, IF THE HOV LANE IS THE RIGHT-HAND LANE OF A  
22 HIGHWAY OPEN TO BICYCLES.

23 (2) THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE WHO USES AN HOV LANE IN VIOLATION  
24 OF A LANE RESTRICTION IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
25 A STATE CIVIL INFRACTION AND MAY BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$100.00 AND  
26 COSTS.