

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4179

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A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 642 (MCL 257.642), as amended by 2012 PA 498.

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

1           Sec. 642. (1) ~~When~~**If** a roadway ~~has been~~**is** divided into 2 or  
2 more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following rules in  
3 addition to all others consistent with this act apply:

4           (a) A vehicle ~~shall~~**must** be driven as nearly as practicable  
5 entirely within a single lane and ~~shall~~**must** not be moved from the

1 lane until the operator has first ascertained that the movement can  
2 be ~~made with safety. Upon~~ **safely made.**

3 **(b)** On a roadway ~~with~~ **that is divided into** 4 or more lanes  
4 ~~that~~ **and** provides for 2-way movement of traffic, a vehicle ~~shall~~  
5 **must** be operated within the extreme right-hand lane except ~~when~~ **if**  
6 overtaking and passing, ~~but shall and must~~ not cross the center  
7 line of the roadway except ~~where~~ **if** making a left turn.

8 **(c)** ~~(b) Upon~~ **On** a roadway that is divided into 3 lanes and  
9 provides for 2-way movement of traffic, a vehicle ~~shall~~ **must** not be  
10 operated in the center lane except ~~when~~ **under any of the following**  
11 **circumstances:**

12 **(i)** **If** overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in the  
13 same direction, ~~when~~ **and** the center lane is clear of traffic within  
14 a safe ~~distance, or in~~ **distance.**

15 **(ii)** **In** preparation for a left ~~turn, or where~~ **turn.**

16 **(iii)** **If** the center lane is ~~at the time~~ allocated exclusively to  
17 traffic moving in the same direction the vehicle is proceeding and  
18 the allocation is designated by official traffic control devices.

19 **(d)** ~~(e)~~ Official traffic control devices may be erected  
20 directing specified traffic to use a designated lane or designating  
21 those lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction  
22 regardless of the center of the roadway, and operators of vehicles  
23 shall obey the directions of the ~~traffic control~~ **traffic control**  
24 device.

25 **(e)** ~~(d)~~ Official ~~traffic control~~ **traffic control** devices may  
26 be installed prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of  
27 roadway, and operators of vehicles shall obey the directions of the  
28 ~~traffic control~~ **traffic control** devices.

29 **(2)** ~~When any~~ **If a** lane ~~has been~~ **is** designated as an HOV lane

1 ~~under section 1 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651, by an agency with~~  
2 **jurisdiction over the roadway,** and ~~has been~~**is** appropriately marked  
3 with signs and pavement markings, **traffic control devices,** the lane  
4 shall ~~must~~ be reserved during the periods indicated for the  
5 exclusive use of buses and HOVs. The restrictions imposed on **an** HOV  
6 ~~lanes~~**lane** do not apply to any of the following:

- 7 (a) ~~Authorized~~**An authorized** emergency ~~vehicles~~**vehicle**.  
8 (b) ~~Law~~**A law** enforcement ~~vehicles~~**vehicle**.  
9 (c) ~~Transit buses operated by a regional transit authority~~  
10 ~~created under the regional transit authority act~~**A bus**.  
11 (d) **A motorcycle**.  
12 (e) **Any other class of vehicle as determined by the agency**  
13 **with jurisdiction over the roadway.**

14 (3) A person who violates this section is responsible for a  
15 civil infraction.