

SENATE BILL NO. 351

April 13, 2021, Introduced by Senator LASATA and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
(MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 653c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 653c. (1) When approaching and passing an implement of
2 husbandry disabled on the roadside, the driver of an approaching
3 vehicle shall exhibit due care and caution, as required under the
4 following:

5 (a) On any public roadway with at least 2 adjacent lanes

1 proceeding in the same direction as the implement of husbandry
2 disabled on the roadside, the driver of the approaching vehicle
3 shall proceed with caution, reduce his or her speed by at least 10
4 miles per hour below the posted speed limit, and yield the right-
5 of-way by moving into a lane at least 1 moving lane or 2 vehicle
6 widths apart from the implement of husbandry, unless directed
7 otherwise by a police officer. If movement to an adjacent lane or 2
8 vehicle widths apart is not possible due to weather, road
9 conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicular or pedestrian
10 traffic in parallel moving lanes, the driver of the approaching
11 vehicle shall proceed as required in subdivision (b).

12 (b) On any public roadway that does not have at least 2
13 adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction as the implement of
14 husbandry disabled on the roadside, or if the movement by the
15 driver of the vehicle into an adjacent lane or 2 vehicle widths
16 apart is not possible as described in subdivision (a), the driver
17 of the approaching vehicle shall proceed with due care and caution
18 and reduce his or her speed by 10 miles per hour.

19 (2) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway that has been
20 divided into 2 roadways by leaving an intervening space, or by a
21 physical barrier or clearly indicated dividing sections so
22 constructed as to impede vehicular traffic, is not required to
23 proceed with caution, reduce his or her speed, or yield the right-
24 of-way for an implement of husbandry disabled on the roadside
25 across the dividing space, barrier, or section.