

SENATE BILL NO. 139

February 16, 2021, Introduced by Senator MCMORROW and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 ~~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.