

**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 300 of 1949**  
Chapter VIA  
STREETCARS

**257.790 Operation of bicycle or vehicle on streetcar track; removal, overtaking, and passing; requirements; violation as civil infraction.**

Sec. 790.

(1) The driver of a bicycle or vehicle proceeding on a streetcar track in front of a streetcar shall remove the bicycle or vehicle from the streetcar track as soon as practicable after a signal from the operator of the streetcar.

(2) If a streetcar has started to cross an intersection, the driver of a bicycle or vehicle shall not drive on or cross the streetcar track within the intersection in front of the streetcar.

(3) The driver of a bicycle or vehicle, when overtaking and passing a streetcar, shall not turn in front of a streetcar so as to interfere with or impede the movement of the streetcar.

(4) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

**257.791 Use of street railway system or streetcar; prohibitions; violation as civil infraction.**

Sec. 791.

(1) A person shall not do any of the following:

(a) Board or attempt to board a streetcar for a purpose other than purchasing a streetcar fare, unless the person has purchased or is in the process of purchasing the fare or fare medium required by the street railway for the use of the street railway system.

(b) Interfere with the collection or verification of a fare or fare medium for the use of a street railway system.

(c) While on a streetcar or in a station that is part of a street railway system, fail to carry or refuse to provide on request by an officer, employee, or agent of a street railway or police officer, proof of payment of the fare required by the street railway for the use of the street railway system.

(d) Aid another person in violating subdivision (a), (b), or (c).

(2) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

**257.791a Occupancy and use of a street railway system station; violation as a civil infraction; "shared station" defined.**

Sec. 791a.

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person shall not enter, remain, occupy, or use a station that is part of a street railway system, including a shared station, for a purpose other than 1 or more of the following:

(a) Waiting for or boarding the next arriving streetcar or other public transit vehicle at a shared station.

(b) Disembarking from a streetcar or other public transit vehicle at a shared station.

(c) Purchasing a fare or fare medium for the use of the street railway system or other public transit system.

(d) Performing an activity that the person is licensed to perform or is authorized to perform under a state permit.

(e) Waiting for up to 10 minutes for another passenger to disembark from a streetcar.

(2) A person violates subsection (1) only after remaining, occupying, or using the station for a period of time that exceeds the period of time necessary for the person to engage in an activity described in subsection (1)(a) to (e).

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

(4) As used in this section, "shared station" means a station that is part of a street railway system and that is used by both a street railway and a public transit provider pursuant to an agreement between the street railway and the public transit provider.

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

#### **257.791b Smoking prohibited within or on streetcar or station; violation as civil infraction.**

Sec. 791b.

(1) A person shall not smoke any substance, use an e-cigarette, carry lighted tobacco, or spit within or on a streetcar or station that is a part of a street railway system.

(2) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

#### **257.791c Animals, other than service or qualified animals prohibited on or in streetcar or station; violation as civil infraction; definitions.**

Sec. 791c.

(1) A person shall not bring, carry, or transport an animal other than a service animal or qualified animal on a streetcar or in any area of a station used by a street railway system.

(2) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Qualified animal" means an animal that is not more than 25 pounds and is controlled in a cage.

(b) "Service animal" means that term as defined in section 502c of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.502c.

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

#### **257.791d Food and beverages prohibited on or within a streetcar or station; exceptions; violation as civil infraction.**

Sec. 791d.

(1) A person 2 years of age or older shall not eat, drink, or carry an open container of food or beverage on a streetcar or within a station that is part of a street railway system.

(2) Subsection (1) does not restrict or otherwise prohibit a nursing mother from nursing her child.

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

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

**257.791e Disposal of garbage prohibited on or in a streetcar or station; violation as a civil infraction.**

Sec. 791e.

(1) A person shall not dispose of garbage, papers, gum, refuse, or another form of trash, on a streetcar or in a station that is part of a street railway system, except in receptacles designated for that purpose on the streetcar or in the station.

(2) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

**257.791f Oversized baggage or commercial shopping cart prohibited on or within a streetcar or station.**

Sec. 791f.

A person shall not bring or carry on a streetcar or into a station used by a street railway system either of the following:

(a) A package or other object of a size that cannot be positioned in a manner that permits the passage of persons in the aisle of a streetcar or the entry and exit of persons through the doors of a streetcar, or both.

(b) A commercial shopping cart.

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

**257.791g Disruptive conduct prohibited; live music permit; violation as civil infraction.**

Sec. 791g.

(1) A person shall not engage in disruptive conduct that interferes with the operation or safe use of the street railway system, or negatively impacts the functions of officers, employees, or agents of the street railway, or of police officers.

(2) A street railway system may issue a permit for a person to play live music within a station. A person with a permit issued under this subsection may play live music as provided in the permit.

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

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

**257.792 Removal of bicycle, vehicle, cargo, or other personal property blocking, delaying, or interfering with movement of streetcar; liability; "gross negligence" defined; reimbursement by owner or carrier; definitions.**

Sec. 792.

(1) If a street authority determines that a bicycle, vehicle, cargo, or other personal property is parked or standing on a street in a manner that would block, delay, or otherwise interfere with the movement of a streetcar on a streetcar track, the street authority may immediately remove or cause to be removed the bicycle, vehicle, cargo, or personal property from the street to the nearest garage, storage facility, or other place of safety. If the street authority is a street railway, the street railway shall not remove a bicycle, vehicle, cargo, or personal property under this subsection without first obtaining authorization from a police officer or notifying a law enforcement agency. The street authority shall report the place to which a bicycle, vehicle, cargo, or personal property is removed under this subsection to the nearest law enforcement agency as soon as practicable.

(2) A street authority that removes or causes the removal of property under subsection (1), and any of the street authority's officers, employees, or agents, or anyone acting in good faith under subsection (1), and within the scope of, the authority conferred under subsection (1), is not liable for any damages or claims that may arise from the exercise or the failure to exercise any authority granted under subsection (1), except for an act or omission amounting to gross negligence. As used in this subsection, "gross negligence" means that term as defined in section 606a.

(3) The owner or carrier, if any, of a bicycle, vehicle, cargo, or personal property removed pursuant to subsection (1) shall reimburse the street authority for all documented reasonable costs incurred in the removal, storage, and return.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Law enforcement agency" means any of the following:

(i) The department of state police.

(ii) The county sheriff's office.

(iii) The police department of a local unit of government.

(iv) The transit police unit of a public body corporate created pursuant to an interlocal agreement under the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, between a city and an authority under the metropolitan transportation authorities act of 1967, 1967 PA 204, MCL 124.401 to 124.426.

(b) "Local unit of government" means a state university or college or a county, city, village, or township.

(c) "Street authority" means a law enforcement agency or a street railway.

**History:** Add. 2021, Act 43, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2021

**257.793 Powers, immunities, and authority of law enforcement officers; sworn oath of office; monthly uniform crime reports.**

Sec. 793.

(1) A law enforcement agency of a public body corporate described in section 792(4)(a)(iv) may grant to a law enforcement officer of that law enforcement agency the same powers, immunities, and authorities granted by law to a peace officer and a police officer to detect crime and to enforce the criminal laws of this state and to enforce state laws, including this act, local ordinances, and any authorized ordinances and regulations of the public body corporate. A copy of the documentation of a grant of authority under this subsection must be filed with the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards created under the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615.

(2) A law enforcement agency described in subsection (1) may administer a sworn oath of office to a law enforcement officer of that law enforcement agency conferring the power upon the law enforcement officer to administer the general criminal laws of this state.

(3) A law enforcement officer granted the authority of a peace officer and a police officer under subsections (1) and (2) is a peace officer of this state with the authority of a police officer of this state provided under this act and as provided under the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 760.1 to 777.69.

(4) A law enforcement agency described in subsection (1) shall submit monthly uniform crime reports pertaining to crimes occurring within the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction to the department of state police in the manner provided under section 1 of 1968 PA 319, MCL 28.251.

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