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[No. 356]

(HB 5951)

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending sections 8a, 44a, and 319b (MCL 257.8a, 257.44a, and 257.319b), section 8a as amended by 1994 PA 449, section 44a as added by 1993 PA 359, and section 319b as amended by 1996 PA 404, and by adding section 23b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

257.8a "Conviction" defined. [M.S.A. 9.1808(1)]

Sec. 8a. "Conviction" means a final conviction, the payment of a fine, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere if accepted by the court, or a finding of guilt for a criminal law violation or a juvenile adjudication, probate court disposition, or juvenile disposition for a violation that if committed by an adult would be a crime, regardless of whether the penalty is rebated or suspended.

257.23b "Juvenile disposition" defined. [M.S.A. 9.1823(2)]

Sec. 23b. "Juvenile disposition" means the entry of an order of disposition for a juvenile found to be within the court's jurisdiction under chapter XIIA of 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1 to 712A.32.

257.44a "Probate court disposition" defined. [M.S.A. 9.1844(1)]

Sec. 44a. "Probate court disposition" means the entry of an order of disposition for a juvenile found to be within the court's jurisdiction under chapter XIIA of 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1 to 712A.32.

257.319b Suspension or revocation of vehicle group designations on operator's or chauffeur's license; notice of conviction, bond forfeiture, civil infraction determination, violation of law, or refusal to submit to chemical test; period of suspension or revocation; definitions; applicability of conditions. [M.S.A. 9.2019(2)]

Sec. 319b. (1) The secretary of state shall immediately suspend or revoke, as applicable, all vehicle group designations on the operator's or chauffeur's license of a person upon receiving notice of a conviction, bond forfeiture, or civil infraction determination of the person, or notice that a court or administrative tribunal has found the person

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responsible, for a violation described in this subsection of a law of this state, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a law of this state, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to a law of this state, or notice that the person has refused to submit to a chemical test of his or her blood, breath, or urine for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in the person's blood, breath, or urine while the person was operating a commercial motor vehicle as required by a law or local ordinance of this or another state. The period of suspension or revocation is as follows:

(a) Suspension for 60 days if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for 2 serious traffic violations while operating a commercial motor vehicle arising from separate incidents within 36 months.

(b) Suspension for 120 days if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for 3 serious traffic violations while operating a commercial motor vehicle arising from separate incidents within 36 months.

(c) Suspension for 1 year if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for 1 of the following:

(i) A violation of section 625(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7), section 625m, or former section 625(1) or (2), or former section 625b, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 625(1) or (3), section 625m, or former section 625(1) or (2), or former section 625b, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to section 625(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7), section 625m, or former section 625(1) or (2), or former section 625b, while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(ii) Leaving the scene of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by the licensee.

(iii) A felony in which a commercial motor vehicle was used.

(iv) A refusal of a peace officer's request to submit to a chemical test of his or her blood, breath, or urine to determine the amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in his or her blood, breath, or urine while he or she was operating a commercial motor vehicle as required by a law or local ordinance of this state or another state.

(v) A 6-point violation as provided in section 320a while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(d) Suspension for 3 years if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for an offense enumerated in subdivision (c)(i) to (v) in which a commercial motor vehicle was used if the vehicle was carrying hazardous material required to have a placard pursuant to 49 C.F.R. parts 100 to 199.

(e) Revocation for not less than 10 years and until the person is approved for the issuance of a vehicle group designation if a licensee is convicted of or found responsible for 1 of the following:

(i) Any combination of 2 violations arising from 2 or more separate incidents under section 625(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7), section 625m, or former section 625(1) or (2), or former section 625b, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 625(1) or (3), section 625m, or former section 625(1) or (2), or former section 625b, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to section 625(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7), section 625m, or former section 625(1) or (2), or former section 625b while driving a commercial motor vehicle.

(ii) Two violations of leaving the scene of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by the licensee.

(iii) Two violations of a felony in which a commercial motor vehicle was used.

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(iv) Two refusals of a request of a police officer to submit to a chemical test of his or her blood, breath, or urine for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in his or her blood while he or she was operating a commercial motor vehicle in this state or another state, which refusals occurred in separate incidents.

(v) Two 6-point violations as provided in section 320a while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(vi) Two violations, in any combination, of the offenses enumerated under subparagraph (j), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) arising from 2 or more separate incidents.

(f) Revocation for life if a licensee is convicted of or found responsible for any of the following:

(i) One violation of a felony in which a commercial motor vehicle was used and that involved the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a controlled substance or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance.

(ii) A conviction of any offense described in subdivision (c) or (d) after having been approved for the issuance of a vehicle group designation under subdivision (e).

(2) The secretary of state shall immediately suspend all vehicle group designations on the operator's or chauffeur's license of a person upon receiving notice of a conviction, bond forfeiture, or civil infraction determination of the person, or notice that a court or administrative tribunal has found the person responsible, for a violation of section 319d(4) or 319f, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 319d(4) or 319f, or a law or local ordinance of another state, the United States, Canada, Mexico, or a local jurisdiction of either of these countries substantially corresponding to section 319d(4) or 319f, while operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 7a. The period of suspension or revocation is as follows:

(a) Suspension for 90 days if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for a violation of section 319d(4) or 319f while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(b) Suspension for 180 days if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for a violation of section 319d(4) or 319f while operating a commercial motor vehicle that is either carrying hazardous material required to have a placard pursuant to 49 C.F.R. parts 100 to 199 or designed to carry 16 or more passengers, including the driver.

(c) Suspension for 1 year if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for 2 violations, in any combination, of section 319d(4) or 319f while operating a commercial motor vehicle arising from 2 or more separate incidents during a 10-year period.

(d) Suspension for 3 years if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for 3 or more violations, in any combination, of section 319d(4) or 319f while operating a commercial motor vehicle arising from 3 or more separate incidents during a 10-year period.

(e) Suspension for 3 years if the licensee is convicted of or found responsible for 2 or more violations, in any combination, of section 319d(4) or 319f while operating a commercial motor vehicle carrying hazardous material required to have a placard pursuant to 49 C.F.R. parts 100 to 199, or designed to carry 16 or more passengers, including the driver, arising from 2 or more separate incidents during a 10-year period.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Felony in which a commercial motor vehicle was used" means a felony during the commission of which the person convicted operated a commercial motor vehicle and while the person was operating the vehicle 1 or more of the following circumstances existed:

(i) The vehicle was used as an instrument of the felony.

(ii) The vehicle was used to transport a victim of the felony.

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(iii) The vehicle was used to flee the scene of the felony.

(iv) The vehicle was necessary for the commission of the felony.

(b) "Serious traffic violation" means a traffic violation that occurs in connection with an accident in which a person died, careless driving, excessive speeding as defined in the federal administrative regulations promulgated to implement the commercial motor vehicle safety act of 1986, title XII of Public Law 99-570, 100 Stat. 3207-170, improper lane use, following too closely, or any other serious traffic violation as defined in 49 C.F.R. 383.5 or as prescribed under this act.

(4) For the purpose of this section only, a bond forfeiture or a determination by a court of original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative tribunal that a person has violated the law is considered a conviction.

(5) The secretary of state shall suspend or revoke a vehicle group designation under subsection (1) notwithstanding a suspension, restriction, revocation, or denial of an operator's or chauffeur's license or vehicle group designation under another section of this act or a court order issued under another section of this act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to another section of this act.

(6) When determining the applicability of conditions listed in this section, the secretary of state shall only consider violations that occurred after January 1, 1990.

Effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October 1, 1999.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 89th Legislature are enacted into law:

- (a) Senate Bill No. 268.
- (b) Senate Bill No. 269.
- (c) Senate Bill No. 625.
- (d) Senate Bill No. 627.
- (e) Senate Bill No. 869.
- (f) Senate Bill No. 870.
- (g) Senate Bill No. 953.
- (h) House Bill No. 4210.
- (i) House Bill No. 4576.
- (j) House Bill No. 4959.
- (k) House Bill No. 4960.
- (l) House Bill No. 4961.
- (m) House Bill No. 5122.
- (n) House Bill No. 5123.
- (o) House Bill No. 5952.
- (p) House Bill No. 5953.
- (q) House Bill No. 5954.
- (r) House Bill No. 5955.
- (s) House Bill No. 5956.

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Compiler's note: The bills referred to in enacting section 2 were enacted into law as follows:

Senate Bill No. 268 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 355, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
Senate Bill No. 269 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 345, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
Senate Bill No. 625 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 346, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
Senate Bill No. 627 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 347, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
Senate Bill No. 869 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 348, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
Senate Bill No. 870 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 350, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
Senate Bill No. 953 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 351, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
House Bill No. 4210 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 340, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
House Bill No. 4576 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 357, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
House Bill No. 4959 was filed with the Secretary of State October 16, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 349, Eff. Oct. 1, 1999.
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