House Bill 4605

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 676a (MCL 257.676a), as amended by 1998 PA 224.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 676a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this sec-
- 2 tion, a person, firm, or corporation who sells or offers for
- 3 sale, or displays or attempts to display for sale, goods, wares,
- 4 produce, fruit, vegetables, or merchandise within the
- 5 right-of-way of a highway outside of the corporate limits of a
- 6 city or village, or within the right-of-way of a state trunk line
- 7 highway, is responsible for a civil infraction.
- 8 (2) This section does not interfere with a permanently
- 9 established business that, as of September 27, 1957, was located
- 10 on or partially on private property or grant to the owner of that

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- 1 business additional rights or authority that the owner did not
- 2 possess on September 27, 1957, or diminish the legal rights or
- 3 duties of the authority having jurisdiction of the right-of-way.
- 4 (3) In conjunction with the exemption granted by federal law
- 5 from the restrictions contained in section 111 of title 23 of the
- 6 United States Code, 23 U.S.C. 111, and described in the "manual
- 7 on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways",
- 8 U.S. department of transportation and federal highway administra-
- 9 tion, part 2g (LOGOS), this section does not prohibit the use of
- 10 a facility located in part on the right-of-way of I-94 in the
- 11 vicinity of the interchange of I-94 and I-69 business loop/I-94
- 12 business loop for the sale of only those articles which are for
- 13 export and consumption outside the United States.
- 14 (4) The state transportation department shall conduct a
- 15 study for a period of not less than 3 years to evaluate the
- 16 potential benefit to the traveling public of logo signing within
- 17 the right-of-way of limited access highways. Not later than
- 18 December 31, 1998, the state transportation department shall
- 19 issue a written report on the study, which shall include the eco-
- 20 nomic impact of logo signing on the outdoor advertising industry,
- 21 the benefits of logo signing to the motoring public and local
- 22 businesses, the acceptance of logo signing by the motoring
- 23 public, and the proposed standards for logo signing recommended
- 24 by the state transportation commission. The study shall include
- 25 a pilot program for logo signing at not more than 60
- 26 interchanges. However, not less than 30 days before the
- 27 implementation date of the pilot program, any proposed agreement

- 1 specifying a location for the pilot program shall be reported to
- 2 the senate and house of representatives standing committees that
- 3 consider transportation-related legislation. THIS SECTION DOES
- 4 NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF LOGO SIGNAGE WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF
- 5 LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "LOGO
- 6 SIGNAGE" MEANS A SIGN CONTAINING THE TRADEMARK OR OTHER SYMBOL
- 7 THAT IDENTIFIES A BUSINESS IN A MANNER AND AT LOCATIONS APPROVED
- 8 BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. Any revenue received by
- 9 the state transportation department under this subsection shall
- 10 be deposited into the Michigan transportation fund established
- 11 under section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660.
- 12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
- 13 effect unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. _____
- 14 (request no. 01136'99) of the 90th Legislature is enacted into
- **15** law.