

HOUSE BILL No. 4011

January 25, 2001, Introduced by Rep. Jelinek and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 684 (MCL 257.684).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 684. (1) ~~(a) Every~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 694
2 WITH RESPECT TO PARKED VEHICLES, A vehicle upon a highway within
3 this state ~~at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half~~
4 ~~hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not suf-~~
5 ~~ficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles~~
6 ~~on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead~~ shall display
7 lighted lamps and illuminating devices as ~~hereinafter~~
8 ~~respectively~~ required IN THIS ACT for different classes of vehi-
9 cles ~~, subject to exceptions with respect to parked vehicles as~~
10 ~~hereinafter stated.~~ AT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

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1 (A) FROM 1/2 HOUR AFTER SUNSET TO 1/2 HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE.

2 (B) WHEN THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT LIGHT TO RENDER CLEARLY
3 DISCERNIBLE PERSONS AND VEHICLES ON THE HIGHWAY AT A DISTANCE OF
4 500 FEET AHEAD.

5 (C) WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS REQUIRE THE OPERATION OF THE
6 WINDSHIELD WIPERS.

7 (2) When lighted lamps and illuminated devices are required
8 by law, ~~no~~ A vehicle shall NOT be operated upon any highway of
9 this state with only the parking lights illuminated on the front
10 of the vehicle.

11 (3) ~~(b) Whenever~~ IF A requirement is ~~hereinafter~~
12 ~~declared~~ PROVIDED IN THIS ACT as to the distance from which cer-
13 tain lamps and devices shall render objects visible or within
14 which such lamps or devices shall be visible, ~~said provisions~~
15 ~~shall apply~~ THE REQUIREMENT APPLIES during the times stated in
16 ~~paragraph (a) of this section~~ SUBSECTION (1) upon a straight,
17 level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions
18 unless a different time or condition is expressly stated.

19 (4) ~~(c) Whenever~~ IF A requirement is ~~hereinafter~~
20 ~~declared~~ PROVIDED IN THIS ACT as to the mounted height of lamps
21 or devices, ~~it shall mean~~ THE REQUIREMENT SHALL BE CALCULATED
22 BY MEASURING from the center of ~~such~~ THE lamp or device to the
23 level ground upon which the vehicle stands when ~~such~~ THE vehi-
24 cle is without a load.

25 (5) ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SECTION BY STATE OR LOCAL LAW
26 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY AS A SECONDARY

1 ACTION WHEN A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE HAS BEEN DETAINED FOR A
2 SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF ANOTHER SECTION OF THIS ACT.

3 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE
4 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION BY MEANS THE SECRETARY OF STATE CON-
5 SIDERS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TELEVISION AND
6 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.