## **SENATE BILL No. 964**

January 18, 2006, Introduced by Senator SWITALSKI and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled

"Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 601b (MCL 257.601b), as amended by 2003 PA 314.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 601b. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 2 act, a person responsible for a moving violation in -a work zone, 3 at an emergency scene, or in a school zone during the period 4 beginning 30 minutes before school in the morning and through 30 minutes after school in the afternoon ANY OF THE FOLLOWING is 5 subject to a fine that is double the fine otherwise prescribed for 6 7 that moving violation: ---

- (A) A WORK ZONE.
  - (B) A RESIDENTIAL ZONE.
  - (C) A SCHOOL ZONE DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 30 MINUTES

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BEFORE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING AND THROUGH 30 MINUTES AFTER SCHOOL IN
 THE AFTERNOON.

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## (D) AN EMERGENCY SCENE.

4 (2) A person who commits a moving violation for which not
5 fewer than 3 points are assigned under section 320a and as a result
6 causes injury to a person working in the work zone OR TO ANY PERSON
7 IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
8 fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 1
9 year, or both.

(3) A person who commits a moving violation for which not
fewer than 3 points are assigned under section 320a and as a result
causes death to a person working in the work zone OR TO ANY PERSON
IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of
not more than \$7,500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 15
years, or both.

16 (4) Whenever practical, signs designed in compliance with the 17 uniform manual of traffic control devices shall be appropriately 18 placed at the work zone by the state transportation department or 19 road authority having jurisdiction over the work zone notifying 20 operators of vehicles of the increased fines and penalties provided 21 by this section for the protection and safety of construction 22 workers.

(5) SIGNS DESIGNED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNIFORM MANUAL OF
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SHALL BE APPROPRIATELY PLACED AT THE
RESIDENTIAL ZONE BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OR ROAD
AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE NOTIFYING
OPERATORS OF VEHICLES OF THE INCREASED FINES AND PENALTIES PROVIDED

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1 BY THIS SECTION.

2 (6) (5) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply if the injury
3 or death was caused by the negligence of the person working in the
4 work zone OR BY THE PERSON IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

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(7) -(6) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Emergency scene" means a traffic accident, a serious
7 incident caused by weather conditions, or another occurrence along
8 a highway or street for which a police officer, firefighter, or
9 emergency medical personnel are summoned to aid an injured victim.

10 (b) "Moving violation" means an act or omission prohibited 11 under this act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to 12 this act that occurs while a person is operating a motor vehicle, 13 and for which the person is subject to a fine.

14 (C) "RESIDENTIAL ZONE" MEANS AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A
 15 RESIDENTIAL ZONE BY ORDINANCE OF A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT.

16 (D) (C) "School zone" means that term as defined in section 17 627a.