

HOUSE BILL No. 6611

November 14, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Kolb and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled

"An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund,

local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 1j.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 1J. (1) THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL**
 2 **CONSIDER THE USE OF CARPOOL LANES IN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION,**
 3 **MAINTENANCE, PRESERVATION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF STATE TRUNK LINE**
 4 **HIGHWAYS. THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER**
 5 **ALLOWING HYBRID VEHICLES THAT USE A COMBINATION OF INTERNAL**
 6 **COMBUSTION AND ELECTRICALLY-GENERATED POWER TO USE THE CARPOOL**
 7 **LANES.**

8 **(2) IF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED TO**
 9 **PRODUCE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT UNDER THE NATURAL**
 10 **RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL**
 11 **324.101 TO 324.90106, IN A PROJECT THAT INVOLVES THE DESIGN,**
 12 **CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, PRESERVATION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF STATE**
 13 **TRUNK LINE HIGHWAYS, THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL**
 14 **PRODUCE A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES**
 15 **FOR THE PROJECT THAT REQUIRES AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND**
 16 **IS LOCATED IN AN URBAN AREA. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDES THAT HIGH-**

1 OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES ARE NOT FEASIBLE FOR THE PROJECT, THE STUDY
2 SHALL INCLUDE REASONS THAT SUPPORT THIS CONCLUSION. A COPY OF THE
3 STUDY SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.