

HOUSE BILL No. 5961

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A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 625a (MCL 257.625a), as amended by 2003 PA 61.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 625a. (1) A peace officer may arrest a person without a
2 warrant under either of the following circumstances:

3 (a) The peace officer has reasonable cause to believe the
4 person was, at the time of an accident in this state, the operator
5 of a vehicle involved in the accident and was operating the vehicle
6 in violation of section 625 or a local ordinance substantially
7 corresponding to section 625.

8 (b) The person is found in the driver's seat of a vehicle
9 parked or stopped on a highway or street within this state if any
10 part of the vehicle intrudes into the roadway and the peace officer

1 has reasonable cause to believe the person was operating the
2 vehicle in violation of section 625 or a local ordinance
3 substantially corresponding to section 625.

4 (2) A peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe that a
5 person was operating a vehicle upon a public highway or other place
6 open to the public or generally accessible to motor vehicles,
7 including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within
8 this state and that the person by the consumption of alcoholic
9 liquor may have affected his or her ability to operate a vehicle,
10 or reasonable cause to believe that a person was operating a
11 commercial motor vehicle within the state while the person's blood,
12 breath, or urine contained any measurable amount of alcohol or
13 while the person had any detectable presence of alcoholic liquor,
14 or reasonable cause to believe that a person who is less than 21
15 years of age was operating a vehicle upon a public highway or other
16 place open to the public or generally accessible to motor vehicles,
17 including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within
18 this state while the person had any bodily alcohol content as that
19 term is defined in section 625(6), may require the person to submit
20 to a preliminary chemical breath analysis. The following provisions
21 apply with respect to a preliminary chemical breath analysis
22 administered under this subsection:

23 (a) A peace officer may arrest a person based in whole or in
24 part upon the results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis.

25 (b) The results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis are
26 admissible in a criminal prosecution for a crime enumerated in
27 section 625c(1) or in an administrative hearing for 1 or more of

1 the following purposes:

2 (i) To assist the court or hearing officer in determining a
3 challenge to the validity of an arrest. This subparagraph does not
4 limit the introduction of other competent evidence offered to
5 establish the validity of an arrest.

6 (ii) As evidence of the defendant's breath alcohol content, if
7 offered by the defendant to rebut testimony elicited on cross-
8 examination of a defense witness that the defendant's breath
9 alcohol content was higher at the time of the charged offense than
10 when a chemical test was administered under subsection (6).

11 (iii) As evidence of the defendant's breath alcohol content, if
12 offered by the prosecution to rebut testimony elicited on cross-
13 examination of a prosecution witness that the defendant's breath
14 alcohol content was lower at the time of the charged offense than
15 when a chemical test was administered under subsection (6).

16 (c) A person who submits to a preliminary chemical breath
17 analysis remains subject to the requirements of sections 625c,
18 625d, 625e, and 625f for purposes of chemical tests described in
19 those sections.

20 (d) Except as provided in subsection (5), a person who refuses
21 to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis upon a lawful
22 request by a peace officer is responsible for a civil infraction.

23 (3) A peace officer shall use the results of a preliminary
24 chemical breath analysis conducted ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** this section
25 to determine whether to order a person out-of-service under section
26 319d. A peace officer shall order out-of-service as required under
27 section 319d a person who was operating a commercial motor vehicle

1 and who refuses to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis
2 as provided in this section. This section does not limit use of
3 other competent evidence by the peace officer to determine whether
4 to order a person out-of-service under section 319d.

5 (4) A person who was operating a commercial motor vehicle and
6 who is requested to submit to a preliminary chemical breath
7 analysis under this section shall be advised that refusing a peace
8 officer's request to take a test described in this section is a
9 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or
10 a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both, and will result in the
11 issuance of a 24-hour out-of-service order.

12 (5) A person who was operating a commercial motor vehicle and
13 who refuses to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis
14 upon a peace officer's lawful request is guilty of a misdemeanor
15 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of
16 not more than \$100.00, or both.

17 (6) The following provisions apply with respect to chemical
18 tests and analysis of a person's blood, urine, or breath, other
19 than preliminary chemical breath analysis:

20 (a) The amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled
21 substance or both in a driver's blood or urine or the amount of
22 alcohol in a person's breath at the time alleged as shown by
23 chemical analysis of the person's blood, urine, or breath is
24 admissible into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding and is
25 presumed to be the same as at the time the person operated the
26 vehicle.

27 (b) A person arrested for a crime described in section 625c(1)

1 shall be advised of all of the following:

2 (i) If he or she takes a chemical test of his or her blood,
3 urine, or breath administered at the request of a peace officer, he
4 or she has the right to demand that a person of his or her own
5 choosing administer 1 of the chemical tests.

6 (ii) The results of the test are admissible in a judicial
7 proceeding as provided under this act and will be considered with
8 other admissible evidence in determining the defendant's innocence
9 or guilt.

10 (iii) He or she is responsible for obtaining a chemical analysis
11 of a test sample obtained at his or her own request.

12 (iv) If he or she refuses the request of a peace officer to
13 take a test described in subparagraph (i), a test shall not be given
14 without a court order, but the peace officer may seek to obtain a
15 court order.

16 (v) Refusing a peace officer's request to take a test
17 described in subparagraph (i) will result in the suspension of his
18 or her operator's or chauffeur's license and vehicle group
19 designation or operating privilege and in the addition of 6 points
20 to his or her driver record.

21 (c) A sample or specimen of urine or breath shall be taken and
22 collected in a reasonable manner. Only a licensed physician, or an
23 individual operating under the delegation of a licensed physician
24 under section 16215 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
25 333.16215, qualified to withdraw blood and acting in a medical
26 environment, may withdraw blood at a peace officer's request to
27 determine the amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled

1 substance or both in the person's blood, as provided in this
2 subsection. Liability for a crime or civil damages predicated on
3 the act of withdrawing or analyzing blood and related procedures
4 does not attach to a licensed physician or individual operating
5 under the delegation of a licensed physician who withdraws or
6 analyzes blood or assists in the withdrawal or analysis in
7 accordance with this act unless the withdrawal or analysis is
8 performed in a negligent manner.

9 (d) A chemical test described in this subsection shall be
10 administered at the request of a peace officer having reasonable
11 grounds to believe the person has committed a crime described in
12 section 625c(1). A person who takes a chemical test administered at
13 a peace officer's request as provided in this section shall be
14 given a reasonable opportunity to have a person of his or her own
15 choosing administer 1 of the chemical tests described in this
16 subsection within a reasonable time after his or her detention. The
17 test results are admissible and shall be considered with other
18 admissible evidence in determining the defendant's innocence or
19 guilt. If the person charged is administered a chemical test by a
20 person of his or her own choosing, the person charged is
21 responsible for obtaining a chemical analysis of the test sample.

22 (e) If, after an accident, the driver of a vehicle involved in
23 the accident is transported to a medical facility and a sample of
24 the driver's blood is withdrawn at that time for medical treatment,
25 the results of a chemical analysis of that sample are admissible in
26 any civil or criminal proceeding to show the amount of alcohol or
27 presence of a controlled substance or both in the person's blood at

1 the time alleged, regardless of whether the person had been offered
2 or had refused a chemical test. The medical facility or person
3 performing the chemical analysis shall disclose the results of the
4 analysis to a prosecuting attorney who requests the results for use
5 in a criminal prosecution as provided in this subdivision. A
6 medical facility or person disclosing information in compliance
7 with this subsection is not civilly or criminally liable for making
8 the disclosure.

9 (f) If, after an accident, the driver of a vehicle involved in
10 the accident is deceased, a sample of the decedent's blood shall be
11 withdrawn in a manner directed by the medical examiner to determine
12 the amount of alcohol or the presence of a controlled substance, or
13 both, in the decedent's blood. The medical examiner shall give the
14 results of the chemical analysis of the sample to the law
15 enforcement agency investigating the accident and that agency shall
16 forward the results to the department of state police.

17 (g) The department of state police shall promulgate uniform
18 rules in compliance with the administrative procedures act of 1969,
19 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, for the administration of
20 chemical tests for the purposes of this section. An instrument used
21 for a preliminary chemical breath analysis may be used for a
22 chemical test described in this subsection if approved under rules
23 promulgated by the department of state police.

24 (7) The provisions of subsection (6) relating to chemical
25 testing do not limit the introduction of any other admissible
26 evidence bearing upon any of the following questions:

27 (a) Whether the person was impaired by, or under the influence

1 of, alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of
2 alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.

3 (b) Whether the person had an alcohol content of 0.08 grams or
4 more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per
5 67 milliliters of urine or, beginning October 1, 2013, the person
6 had an alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of
7 blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

8 (c) If the person is less than 21 years of age, whether the
9 person had any bodily alcohol content within his or her body. As
10 used in this subdivision, "any bodily alcohol content" means either
11 of the following:

12 (i) An alcohol content of 0.02 grams or more but less than 0.08
13 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or
14 per 67 milliliters of urine or, beginning October 1, 2013, the
15 person had an alcohol content of 0.02 grams or more but less than
16 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of
17 breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

18 (ii) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting
19 from the consumption of alcoholic liquor, other than the
20 consumption of alcoholic liquor as a part of a generally recognized
21 religious service or ceremony.

22 (8) If a chemical test described in subsection (6) is
23 administered, the test results shall be made available to the
24 person charged or the person's attorney upon written request to the
25 prosecution, with a copy of the request filed with the court. The
26 prosecution shall furnish the results at least 2 days before the
27 day of the trial. The prosecution shall offer the test results as

1 evidence in that trial. Failure to fully comply with the request
2 bars the admission of the results into evidence by the prosecution.

3 (9) A person's refusal to submit to a chemical test as
4 provided in subsection (6) is admissible in a criminal prosecution
5 for a crime described in section 625c(1) only to show that a test
6 was offered to the defendant, but not as evidence in determining
7 the defendant's innocence or guilt. The jury shall be instructed
8 accordingly.

9 (10) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE" OR
10 "REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE" MAY BE PROVIDED BY A PEACE
11 OFFICER'S OBSERVATION OR THE OBSERVATION OF ANOTHER PERSON, WHETHER
12 IDENTIFIED OR ANONYMOUS, WHO RELAYS INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH
13 OBSERVATION TO A PEACE OFFICER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.