

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5045

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
(MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 657a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 657A. (1) A VILLAGE OR CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF FEWER  
2 THAN 30,000 INDIVIDUALS BASED UPON THE 2010 DECENNIAL CENSUS MAY BY  
3 RESOLUTION ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS OF THAT  
4 VILLAGE OR CITY, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. A  
5 TOWNSHIP HAVING A POPULATION OF FEWER THAN 30,000 INDIVIDUALS BASED  
6 UPON THE 2010 DECENNIAL CENSUS MAY BY RESOLUTION, UNLESS  
7 DISAPPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNDER SUBSECTION  
8 (3), ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS OF THAT  
9 TOWNSHIP, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.  
10           (2) IF A VILLAGE, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP ALLOWS THE OPERATION OF

1 GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS OF THAT VILLAGE, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP, THAT  
2 VILLAGE, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP MAY REQUIRE THOSE GOLF CARTS AND THE  
3 OPERATORS OF THOSE GOLF CARTS TO BE RECORDED ON A LIST MAINTAINED  
4 BY THAT VILLAGE, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP. A VILLAGE, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP  
5 SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR LISTING GOLF CARTS OR THE OPERATORS OF  
6 THOSE GOLF CARTS.

7 (3) A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY, BY RESOLUTION,  
8 DISAPPROVE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS OF A TOWNSHIP  
9 LOCATED WITHIN THAT COUNTY IF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
10 CONDUCTS A HEARING AND DETERMINES THAT 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING  
11 APPLY:

12 (A) THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS OF THAT  
13 TOWNSHIP WOULD CAUSE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE.

14 (B) THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS OF THAT  
15 TOWNSHIP WOULD CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

16 (4) THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC  
17 NOTICE OF A HEARING UNDER SUBSECTION (3) AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE  
18 THE HEARING IS CONDUCTED. THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL  
19 ALSO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF A HEARING UNDER SUBSECTION (3) TO  
20 THE TOWNSHIP AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING IS CONDUCTED.

21 (5) A PERSON SHALL NOT OPERATE A GOLF CART ON ANY STREET  
22 UNLESS HE OR SHE IS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD AND IS LICENSED TO  
23 OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE.

24 (6) THE OPERATOR OF A GOLF CART SHALL COMPLY WITH THE SIGNAL  
25 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 648 THAT APPLY TO THE OPERATION OF A  
26 VEHICLE.

27 (7) A PERSON OPERATING A GOLF CART UPON A ROADWAY SHALL RIDE

1 AS NEAR TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY AS PRACTICABLE, EXERCISING  
2 DUE CARE WHEN PASSING A STANDING VEHICLE OR ONE PROCEEDING IN THE  
3 SAME DIRECTION.

4 (8) A PERSON SHALL NOT OPERATE A GOLF CART ON A STATE TRUNK  
5 LINE HIGHWAY. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM  
6 CROSSING A STATE TRUNK LINE HIGHWAY WHEN OPERATING A GOLF CART ON A  
7 STREET OF A VILLAGE, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP, USING THE MOST DIRECT LINE  
8 OF CROSSING.

9 (9) WHERE A USABLE AND DESIGNATED PATH FOR GOLF CARTS IS  
10 PROVIDED ADJACENT TO A HIGHWAY OR STREET, A PERSON OPERATING A GOLF  
11 CART MAY, BY LOCAL ORDINANCE, BE REQUIRED TO USE THAT PATH.

12 (10) A PERSON OPERATING A GOLF CART SHALL NOT PASS BETWEEN  
13 LINES OF TRAFFIC, BUT MAY PASS ON THE LEFT OF TRAFFIC MOVING IN HIS  
14 OR HER DIRECTION IN THE CASE OF A 2-WAY STREET OR ON THE LEFT OR  
15 RIGHT OF TRAFFIC IN THE CASE OF A 1-WAY STREET, IN AN UNOCCUPIED  
16 LANE.

17 (11) A GOLF CART SHALL NOT BE OPERATED ON A SIDEWALK  
18 CONSTRUCTED FOR THE USE OF PEDESTRIANS.

19 (12) A GOLF CART SHALL BE OPERATED AT A SPEED NOT TO EXCEED 15  
20 MILES PER HOUR AND SHALL NOT BE OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY OR STREET  
21 WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF MORE THAN 30 MILES PER HOUR EXCEPT TO CROSS  
22 THAT HIGHWAY OR STREET. A VILLAGE, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP MAY, BY  
23 RESOLUTION, DESIGNATE ROADS OR CLASSIFICATIONS OF ROADS FOR USE BY  
24 GOLF CARTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

25 (13) A GOLF CART SHALL NOT BE OPERATED ON THE STREETS OF A  
26 CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP DURING THE TIME PERIOD FROM 1/2 HOUR  
27 BEFORE SUNSET TO 1/2 HOUR AFTER SUNRISE.

1           (14) A PERSON OPERATING A GOLF CART OR WHO IS A PASSENGER IN A  
2 GOLF CART IS NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR A CRASH HELMET.

3           (15) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A POLICE OFFICER IN THE  
4 PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES.

5           (16) A GOLF CART OPERATED ON A STREET OF A VILLAGE, CITY, OR  
6 TOWNSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER  
7 THIS ACT FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 3101 OF THE INSURANCE CODE OF  
8 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101.

9           (17) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "GOLF CART" MEANS A VEHICLE  
10 DESIGNED FOR TRANSPORTATION WHILE PLAYING THE GAME OF GOLF. A GOLF  
11 CART IS NOT REQUIRED TO MEET THE VEHICLE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF A  
12 LOW-SPEED VEHICLE FOR APPROVAL UNDER THIS SECTION.

13           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
14 unless Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No.\_\_\_\_ (request no.  
15 03165'13 a \*) of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.