

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 501

(as amended May 11, 2016)

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 302a (MCL 257.302a), as amended by 2006 PA 298.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 302a. (1) Except as otherwise provided by this act, **[AND AS**  
2       **PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION,]** a  
3       nonresident operator of a motor vehicle who is the holder of a  
4       license to operate a motor vehicle ~~in the~~ **ISSUED BY A** country ~~in~~  
5       ~~which he or she resides~~ **OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES** is not  
6       required to obtain a license to operate a passenger vehicle ~~within~~  
7       **IN** this state ~~—~~if he or she does not receive compensation for such  
8       operation[.

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~~This subsection does not apply unless all of the following  
conditions have been satisfied.~~

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~~1 (a) The secretary of state determines that the standards of  
2 the other country for licensing operators correspond substantially  
3 to those of this state and that the other country extends the same  
4 privileges to persons licensed to operate vehicles by this state.~~

~~5 (b) The secretary of state and the other country have  
6 exchanged letters confirming the reciprocal extension of privileges  
7 to operate vehicles.~~ THE NONRESIDENT OPERATOR MAY OPERATE A MOTOR

8 VEHICLE IN COMPLIANCE WITH OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW  
9 USING THE LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A COUNTRY OTHER  
10 THAN THE UNITED STATES IF THE COUNTRY THAT ISSUED THE NONRESIDENT  
11 OPERATOR'S LICENSE IS A PARTY TO AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY, CONVENTION, OR  
12 AGREEMENT REGULATING TRAFFIC, DRIVING, OR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
13 TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES OR THIS STATE IS ALSO A PARTY, ACCORDING TO  
14 THE TERMS OF THAT TREATY, CONVENTION, OR AGREEMENT. IF THE ISSUING  
15 COUNTRY IS NOT A PARTY TO A TREATY, CONVENTION, OR AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN  
16 THIS SUBSECTION, THE NONRESIDENT OPERATOR MAY OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE  
17 USING THE LICENSE ISSUED BY HIS OR HER HOME COUNTRY IF HE OR SHE WOULD  
18 OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 307(1) EXCEPT  
19 FOR ANY REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH AN ADDRESS IN THIS STATE OR RESIDENCY.]  
20 WHILE

21 OPERATING A [PASSENGER] VEHICLE IN THIS STATE, A NONRESIDENT OPERATOR WHO  
22 IS THE HOLDER OF A LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A  
23 COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES SHALL HAVE IN HIS OR HER  
24 IMMEDIATE POSSESSION HIS OR HER VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR  
25 VEHICLE ISSUED BY THAT COUNTRY AND, IF NO ENGLISH TRANSLATION  
26 APPEARS ON THE FRONT OR BACK OF THE LICENSE, 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (A) A VALID INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT.

(B) IF THE LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IS ISSUED BY A  
COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERNATIONAL  
DRIVING PERMIT, A DOCUMENT CONTAINING A PHOTO AND AN ENGLISH  
TRANSLATION THAT SUBSTANTIALLY CORRESPONDS TO AN INTERNATIONAL  
DRIVING PERMIT, WHICH SHALL BE USED SOLELY TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY THE  
INDIVIDUAL APPEARING ON THE LICENSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING  
THIS ACT.

(2) The secretary of state shall ~~publish on its public  
internet site a list of the countries for which reciprocal  
operating privileges have been extended and withdrawn. If any  
changes are made, a revised list shall be mailed to the courts,~~

1 ~~prosecuting attorneys, and law enforcement agencies of this~~  
2 ~~state.~~ ESTABLISH A UNIQUE DRIVER RECORD FOR AN INDIVIDUAL UPON  
3 RECEIPT OF AN ABSTRACT OF CONVICTION FOR ANY OFFENSE COMMITTED IN  
4 VIOLATION OF THIS ACT BY THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OPERATING A MOTOR  
5 VEHICLE IN THIS STATE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1). THE OPERATION  
6 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THIS STATE BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO POSSESSES A  
7 VALID LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ISSUED BY A COUNTRY OTHER  
8 THAN THE UNITED STATES IS SUBJECT TO THIS ACT.

9 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM A UNIQUE DRIVER RECORD HAS BEEN  
10 CREATED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) IS SUBJECT TO ALL FEES, FINES,  
11 RESTRICTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT AS IF HE OR SHE WERE LICENSED UNDER  
12 THIS ACT.

13 (4) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
14 FROM ENTERING INTO A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT AND EXCHANGING LETTERS  
15 CONFIRMING THE EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES TO OPERATE VEHICLES WITH  
16 ANOTHER COUNTRY.

17 (5) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A LIST  
18 OF THE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS ENTERED INTO A RECIPROCAL  
19 AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4).