

SENATE BILL No. 473

June 21, 2017, Introduced by Senators YOUNG and CONYERS and referred to the
Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 904 (MCL 257.904), as amended by 2015 PA 11.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 904. (1) A person whose operator's or chauffeur's license
2 or registration certificate has been suspended or revoked, whose
3 application for license has been denied, or who has never applied
4 for a license, shall not operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or
5 other place open to the general public or generally accessible to
6 motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of
7 motor vehicles, within this state.

8 (2) A person shall not knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned
9 by the person to be operated upon a highway or other place open to
10 the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles,
11 including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within

1 this state by a person whose license or registration certificate is
2 suspended or revoked, whose application for license has been
3 denied, or who has never applied for a license, except as permitted
4 under this act.

5 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who
6 violates subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of a misdemeanor
7 punishable as follows:

8 (a) For a first violation, by ~~imprisonment for not more than~~
9 ~~93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00. , or both.~~ Unless the
10 vehicle was stolen or used with the permission of a person who did
11 not knowingly permit an unlicensed driver to operate the vehicle,
12 the registration plates of the vehicle shall be canceled by the
13 secretary of state upon notification by a peace officer.

14 (b) For a violation that occurs after a prior conviction, by
15 ~~imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than~~
16 ~~\$1,000.00. , or both.~~ Unless the vehicle was stolen, the
17 registration plates of the vehicle shall be canceled by the
18 secretary of state upon notification by a peace officer.

19 (4) A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of
20 subsection (1) and who, by operation of that motor vehicle, causes
21 the death of another person is guilty of a felony punishable by
22 imprisonment for not more than 15 years or a fine of not less than
23 \$2,500.00 or more than \$10,000.00, or both. This subsection does
24 not apply to a person whose operator's or chauffeur's license was
25 suspended because that person failed to answer a citation or comply
26 with an order or judgment under section 321a.

27 (5) A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of

1 subsection (1) and who, by operation of that motor vehicle, causes
2 the serious impairment of a body function of another person is
3 guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5
4 years or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00,
5 or both. This subsection does not apply to a person whose
6 operator's or chauffeur's license was suspended because that person
7 failed to answer a citation or comply with an order or judgment
8 under section 321a.

9 (6) In addition to being subject to any other penalty provided
10 for in this act, if a person is convicted under subsection (4) or
11 (5), the court may impose the sanction permitted under section
12 625n. If the vehicle is not ordered forfeited under section 625n,
13 the court shall order vehicle immobilization under section 904d in
14 the judgment of sentence.

15 (7) A person shall not knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned
16 by the person to be operated upon a highway or other place open to
17 the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles,
18 including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within
19 this state, by a person whose license or registration certificate
20 is suspended or revoked, whose application for license has been
21 denied, or who has never been licensed except as permitted by this
22 act. If a person permitted to operate a motor vehicle in violation
23 of this subsection causes the serious impairment of a body function
24 of another person by operation of that motor vehicle, the person
25 knowingly permitting the operation of that motor vehicle is guilty
26 of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years,
27 or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00, or

1 both. If a person permitted to operate a motor vehicle in violation
2 of this subsection causes the death of another person by operation
3 of that motor vehicle, the person knowingly permitting the
4 operation of that motor vehicle is guilty of a felony punishable by
5 imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or a fine of not less than
6 \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00, or both.

7 (8) If the prosecuting attorney intends to seek an enhanced
8 sentence under this section based upon the defendant having 1 or
9 more prior convictions, the prosecuting attorney shall include on
10 the complaint and information, or an amended complaint and
11 information, filed in district court, circuit court, municipal
12 court, or family division of circuit court, a statement listing the
13 defendant's prior convictions.

14 (9) A prior conviction under this section shall be established
15 at or before sentencing by 1 or more of the following:

16 (a) A copy of a judgment of conviction.

17 (b) An abstract of conviction.

18 (c) A transcript of a prior trial, plea, or sentencing.

19 (d) A copy of a court register of action.

20 (e) A copy of the defendant's driving record.

21 (f) Information contained in a presentence report.

22 (g) An admission by the defendant.

23 (10) Upon receiving a record of a person's conviction or civil
24 infraction determination for the unlawful operation of a motor
25 vehicle or a moving violation reportable under section 732 while
26 the person's operator's or chauffeur's license is suspended or
27 revoked, the secretary of state immediately shall impose an

1 additional like period of suspension or revocation. This subsection
2 applies only if the violation occurs during a suspension of
3 definite length or if the violation occurs before the person is
4 approved for a license following a revocation.

5 (11) Upon receiving a record of a person's conviction or civil
6 infraction determination for the unlawful operation of a motor
7 vehicle or a moving violation reportable under section 732 while
8 the person's operator's or chauffeur's license is indefinitely
9 suspended or whose application for a license has been denied, the
10 secretary of state immediately shall impose a 30-day period of
11 suspension or denial.

12 (12) Upon receiving a record of the conviction, bond
13 forfeiture, or a civil infraction determination of a person for
14 unlawful operation of a motor vehicle requiring a vehicle group
15 designation while the designation is suspended or revoked under
16 section 319b, or while the person is disqualified from operating a
17 commercial motor vehicle by the United States Secretary of
18 Transportation or under 49 USC 31301 to 31317, the secretary of
19 state immediately shall impose an additional like period of
20 suspension or revocation. This subsection applies only if the
21 violation occurs during a suspension of definite length or if the
22 violation occurs before the person is approved for a license
23 following a revocation.

24 (13) If the secretary of state receives records of more than 1
25 conviction or civil infraction determination resulting from the
26 same incident, all of the convictions or civil infraction
27 determinations shall be treated as a single violation for purposes

1 of imposing an additional period of suspension or revocation under
2 subsection (10), (11), or (12).

3 (14) Before a person is arraigned before a district court
4 magistrate or judge on a charge of violating this section, the
5 arresting officer shall obtain the person's driving record from the
6 secretary of state and shall furnish the record to the court. The
7 driving record of the person may be obtained from the secretary of
8 state's computer information network.

9 (15) This section does not apply to a person who operates a
10 vehicle solely for the purpose of protecting human life or property
11 if the life or property is endangered and summoning prompt aid is
12 essential.

13 (16) A person whose vehicle group designation is suspended or
14 revoked and who has been notified as provided in section 212 of
15 that suspension or revocation, or whose application for a vehicle
16 group designation has been denied as provided in this act, or who
17 has never applied for a vehicle group designation and who operates
18 a commercial motor vehicle within this state, except as permitted
19 under this act, while any of those conditions exist is guilty of a
20 misdemeanor punishable, except as otherwise provided in this
21 section, by imprisonment for not less than 3 days or more than 93
22 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.

23 (17) If a person has a second or subsequent suspension or
24 revocation under this section within 7 years as indicated on the
25 person's Michigan driving record, the court shall proceed as
26 provided in section 904d.

27 (18) Any period of suspension or revocation required under

1 subsection (10), (11), or (12) does not apply to a person who has
2 only 1 currently effective suspension or denial on his or her
3 Michigan driving record under section 321a and was convicted of or
4 received a civil infraction determination for a violation that
5 occurred during that suspension or denial. This subsection may only
6 be applied once during the person's lifetime.

7 (19) For purposes of this section, a person who never applied
8 for a license includes a person who applied for a license, was
9 denied, and never applied again.

10 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
11 after the date it is enacted into law.