

SENATE BILL NO. 777

February 04, 2020, Introduced by Senators LASATA, BIZON, VICTORY, WOJNO, DALEY and LAUWERS and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
(MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 653c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 653c. (1) When approaching and passing an implement of
2 husbandry disabled on the roadside, the driver of an approaching
3 vehicle shall exhibit due care and caution, as required under the
4 following:

5 (a) On any public roadway with at least 2 adjacent lanes
6 proceeding in the same direction as the implement of husbandry

1 disabled on the roadside, the driver of the approaching vehicle
2 shall proceed with caution, reduce his or her speed by at least 10
3 miles per hour below the posted speed limit, and yield the right-
4 of-way by moving into a lane at least 1 moving lane or 2 vehicle
5 widths apart from the implement of husbandry, unless directed
6 otherwise by a police officer. If movement to an adjacent lane or 2
7 vehicle widths apart is not possible due to weather, road
8 conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicular or pedestrian
9 traffic in parallel moving lanes, the driver of the approaching
10 vehicle shall proceed as required in subdivision (b).

11 (b) On any public roadway that does not have at least 2
12 adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction as the implement of
13 husbandry disabled on the roadside, or if the movement by the
14 driver of the vehicle into an adjacent lane or 2 vehicle widths
15 apart is not possible as described in subdivision (a), the
16 approaching vehicle shall proceed with due care and caution and
17 reduce his or her speed by 10 miles per hour.

18 (2) The operator of a vehicle upon a highway that has been
19 divided into 2 roadways by leaving an intervening space, or by a
20 physical barrier or clearly indicated dividing sections so
21 constructed as to impede vehicular traffic, is not required to
22 proceed with caution, reduce his or her speed, or yield the right-
23 of-way for an implement of husbandry disabled on the roadside
24 across the dividing space, barrier, or section.