

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4660

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 654 (MCL 257.654).

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

1           Sec. 654. (1) A motor vehicle forming part of a funeral  
2 procession, when going to a place of burial, ~~shall have~~**has** the  
3 right of way over all other vehicles, except fire apparatus,  
4 ambulances, and police patrol vehicles, at a street or highway  
5 intersection within this state if the vehicle in the funeral  
6 procession displays a flag ~~which shall be~~**that is** fluorescent  
7 orange **or purple** in color, and ~~upon~~**on** which ~~shall be~~**is** printed,  
8 stamped, or stained a black cross, the star of David, or the  
9 crescent and star. The lead vehicle and the last vehicle in the

1 funeral procession may carry an additional flag. The flags ~~shall~~  
2 **must** not contain a name embossed or printed on the flag, except the  
3 word "funeral". **In addition, a vehicle engaged in leading or**  
4 **escorting a funeral procession or any vehicle that is part of a**  
5 **funeral procession may activate the hazard warning lights described**  
6 **in section 698a or the flashing, rotating, or oscillating purple or**  
7 **amber lights described in section 698(5)(g) during the funeral**  
8 **procession.**

9 (2) A person passing through a funeral procession of motor  
10 vehicles, designated pursuant to subsection (1), with a vehicle of  
11 any kind, is responsible for a civil infraction.

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