

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4980

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 626a (MCL 257.626a).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 626a. ~~(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate~~  
2 ~~any~~ **A person shall not do either of the following:**  
3       **(a) Operate a** vehicle upon ~~any~~ **a** highway, or any other place  
4 open to the general public, including ~~any~~ **an** area designated for  
5 the parking of motor vehicles, ~~within this state,~~ in a speed or  
6 acceleration contest **or drag race** or ~~for the purpose of making to~~  
7 **make** a speed record. ~~, whether from a standing start or otherwise~~  
8 ~~over a measured or unmeasured distance, or in a drag race as herein~~  
9 ~~defined.~~

1       ~~"Drag racing" means the operation of 2 or more vehicles from a~~  
2 ~~point side by side at accelerating speeds in a competitive attempt~~  
3 ~~to out-distance each other over a common selected course or where~~  
4 ~~timing is involved or where timing devices are used in competitive~~  
5 ~~accelerations of speeds by participating vehicles. Persons~~  
6 ~~rendering assistance in any manner to such competitive use of~~  
7 ~~vehicles shall be equally charged as participants.~~

8       **(b) Assist in a violation of subdivision (a).**

9       **(2) The operation of 2 or more vehicles either at speeds in**  
10 **excess of ~~the~~ prima facie lawfully established ~~speeds~~ **speed** or rapidly**  
11 **accelerating from a common starting point to a speed in excess of**  
12 **~~such~~ ~~the~~ prima facie lawful speed is prima facie evidence of **a drag****  
13 **~~racing and is unlawful.~~ **race.****

14       **(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply within the Silver**  
15 **Lake State Park scramble area.**

16       **(4) As used in this section, "drag race" means the operation**  
17 **of 2 or more vehicles from a point side by side at accelerating**  
18 **speeds in a competitive attempt to out-distance each other over a**  
19 **common selected course or where timing is involved or where timing**  
20 **devices are used in competitive accelerations of speeds by**  
21 **participating vehicles.**