

HOUSE BILL NO. 4660

April 20, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Bezotte, Wozniak, Paquette, Wakeman, Mueller, Martin, Roth, Clements, Aiyash, Meerman, Breen, Beson, Filler, Yaroch and Whitsett and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending sections 654 and 698a (MCL 257.654 and 257.698a).

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

1 procession ~~displays~~ **meets both of the following requirements:**

2 **(a) Displays** a flag ~~which shall be~~ **that is** fluorescent orange
3 in color, and ~~upon~~ **on** which ~~shall be~~ **is** printed, stamped, or
4 stained a black cross, the star of David, or the crescent and star.
5 The lead vehicle and the last vehicle in the funeral procession may
6 carry an additional flag. The flags ~~shall~~ **must** not contain a name
7 embossed or printed on the flag, except the word "funeral".

8 **(b) Activates the hazard warning lights described in section**
9 **698a or the flashing, rotating, or oscillating purple or amber**
10 **lights described in section 698(5)(g).**

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

14 Sec. 698a. **(1) Any A** vehicle may be equipped with lamps ~~which~~
15 **that** may be used ~~for the purpose of warning to warn~~ the operators
16 of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard
17 requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking,
18 or passing, and when so equipped may display ~~such~~ **that** warning in
19 addition to any other warning signals required by this act. The
20 lamps used to display ~~such~~ **the** warning to the front ~~shall~~ **must** be
21 mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as
22 practicable, and ~~shall~~ **must** display simultaneously flashing white
23 or amber lights, or any shade of color between white and amber. The
24 lamps used to display ~~such~~ **the** warning to the rear ~~shall~~ **must** be
25 mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as
26 practicable, and ~~shall~~ **must** show simultaneously flashing amber or
27 red lights, or any shade of color between amber and red. These
28 **hazard** warning lights ~~shall~~ **must** be visible from a distance of not
29 less than 500 feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night.

1 (2) A vehicle engaged in leading or escorting a funeral
2 procession or any vehicle that is part of a funeral procession may
3 activate the hazard warning lights described in subsection (1)
4 during the funeral procession.

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