

HOUSE BILL NO. 4980

June 10, 2021, Introduced by Reps. VanSingel and Meerman and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

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

1 the parking of motor vehicles, ~~within this state,~~ in a speed or
2 acceleration contest **or drag race** or ~~for the purpose of making to~~
3 **make** a speed record. ~~, whether from a standing start or otherwise~~
4 ~~over a measured or unmeasured distance, or in a drag race as herein~~
5 ~~defined.~~

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

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

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

19 **(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to an activity at**
20 **Silver Lake State Park authorized by the department of natural**
21 **resources.**

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