

**SENATE BILL NO. 1029**

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and HART and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 625a (MCL 257.625a), as amended by 1996  
PA 491.

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

1       Sec. 625a. (1) A peace officer may arrest a person without  
2 a warrant under either of the following circumstances:

3       (a) The peace officer has reasonable cause to believe the  
4 person was, at the time of an accident in this state, the opera-  
5 tor of a vehicle involved in the accident and was operating the  
6 vehicle in violation of section 625(1), (3), or (6) or a local  
7 ordinance substantially corresponding to section 625(1), (3), or  
8 (6).

9       (b) The person is found in the driver's seat of a vehicle  
10 parked or stopped on a highway or street within this state if any

1 part of the vehicle intrudes into the roadway and the peace  
2 officer has reasonable cause to believe the person was operating  
3 the vehicle in violation of section 625(1), (3), or (6) or a  
4 local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 625(1),  
5 (3), or (6).

6 (2) A peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe that  
7 a person was operating a vehicle upon a public highway or other  
8 place open to the public or generally accessible to motor vehi-  
9 cles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles,  
10 within this state and that the person by the consumption of  
11 intoxicating liquor may have affected his or her ability to oper-  
12 ate a vehicle, or reasonable cause to believe that a person was  
13 operating a commercial motor vehicle within the state while the  
14 person's blood, breath, or urine contained any measurable amount  
15 of alcohol or while the person had any detectable presence of  
16 intoxicating liquor, or reasonable cause to believe that a person  
17 who is less than 21 years of age was operating a vehicle upon a  
18 public highway or other place open to the public or generally  
19 accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for  
20 the parking of vehicles, within this state while the person had  
21 any bodily alcohol content as that term is defined in section  
22 625(6), may require the person to submit to a preliminary chemi-  
23 cal breath analysis. The following provisions apply with respect  
24 to a preliminary chemical breath analysis administered pursuant  
25 to this subsection:

26 (a) A peace officer may arrest a person based in whole or in  
27 part upon the results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis.

1 (b) The results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis  
2 are admissible in a criminal prosecution for a crime enumerated  
3 in section 625c(1) or in an administrative hearing for 1 or more  
4 of the following purposes:

5 (i) To assist the court or hearing officer in determining a  
6 challenge to the validity of an arrest. This subparagraph does  
7 not limit the introduction of other competent evidence offered to  
8 establish the validity of an arrest.

9 (ii) As evidence of the defendant's breath alcohol content,  
10 if offered by the defendant.

11 (iii) As evidence of the defendant's breath alcohol content,  
12 if offered by the prosecution. ~~to rebut testimony or other evi-~~  
13 ~~dence, including but not limited to testimony elicited on~~  
14 ~~cross-examination of a prosecution witness, that is offered or~~  
15 ~~elicited to prove that the defendant's breath alcohol content was~~  
16 ~~lower at the time of the charged offense than when a chemical~~  
17 ~~test was administered pursuant to subsection (6).~~

18 (c) A person who submits to a preliminary chemical breath  
19 analysis remains subject to the requirements of sections 625c,  
20 625d, 625e, and 625f for purposes of chemical tests described in  
21 those sections.

22 (d) Except as provided in subsection (5), a person who  
23 refuses to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis upon  
24 a lawful request by a peace officer is responsible for a civil  
25 infraction.

26 (3) A peace officer shall use the results of a preliminary  
27 chemical breath analysis conducted ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER this

1 section to determine whether to order a person out-of-service  
2 under section 319d. A peace officer shall order out-of-service  
3 as required under section 319d a person who was operating a com-  
4 mercial motor vehicle and who refuses to submit to a preliminary  
5 chemical breath analysis as provided in this section. This sec-  
6 tion does not limit use of other ~~competent~~ RELEVANT evidence by  
7 the peace officer to determine whether to order a person  
8 out-of-service under section 319d.

9 (4) A person who was operating a commercial motor vehicle  
10 and who is requested to submit to a preliminary chemical breath  
11 analysis under this section shall be advised that refusing a  
12 peace officer's request to take a test described in this section  
13 is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90  
14 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both, and will result  
15 in the issuance of a 24-hour out-of-service order.

16 (5) A person who was operating a commercial motor vehicle  
17 and who refuses to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analy-  
18 sis upon a peace officer's lawful request is guilty of a misde-  
19 meanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a  
20 fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.

21 (6) The following provisions apply with respect to chemical  
22 tests and analysis of a person's blood, urine, or breath, other  
23 than preliminary chemical breath analysis:

24 (a) The amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled sub-  
25 stance or both in a driver's blood or urine or the amount of  
26 alcohol in a person's breath at the time alleged as shown by

1 chemical analysis of the person's blood, urine, or breath is  
2 admissible into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding.

3 (b) A person arrested for a crime described in  
4 section 625c(1) shall be advised of all of the following:

5 (i) If he or she takes a chemical test of his or her blood,  
6 urine, or breath administered at the request of a peace officer,  
7 he or she has the right to demand that a person of his or her own  
8 choosing administer 1 of the chemical tests.

9 (ii) The results of the test are admissible in a judicial  
10 proceeding as provided under this act and will be considered with  
11 other ~~competent~~ RELEVANT evidence in determining the  
12 defendant's innocence or guilt.

13 (iii) He or she is responsible for obtaining a chemical  
14 analysis of a test sample obtained pursuant to his or her own  
15 request.

16 (iv) If he or she refuses the request of a peace officer to  
17 take a test described in subparagraph (i), a test shall not be  
18 given without a court order, but the peace officer may seek to  
19 obtain such a court order.

20 (v) Refusing a peace officer's request to take a test  
21 described in subparagraph (i) will result in the suspension of  
22 his or her operator's or chauffeur's license and vehicle group  
23 designation or operating privilege and in the addition of 6  
24 points to his or her driver record.

25 (c) A sample or specimen of urine or breath shall be taken  
26 and collected in a reasonable manner. Only a licensed physician,  
27 or an individual operating under the delegation of a licensed

1 physician under section 16215 of the public health code, ~~Act~~  
2 ~~No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 333.16215 of~~  
3 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16215, qualified  
4 to withdraw blood and acting in a medical environment, may with-  
5 draw blood at a peace officer's request to determine the amount  
6 of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in the  
7 person's blood, as provided in this subsection. Liability for a  
8 crime or civil damages predicated on the act of withdrawing or  
9 analyzing blood and related procedures does not attach to a  
10 licensed physician or individual operating under the delegation  
11 of a licensed physician who withdraws or analyzes blood or  
12 assists in the withdrawal or analysis in accordance with this act  
13 unless the withdrawal or analysis is performed in a negligent  
14 manner.

15 (d) A chemical test described in this subsection shall be  
16 administered at the request of a peace officer having reasonable  
17 grounds to believe the person has committed a crime described in  
18 section 625c(1). A person who takes a chemical test administered  
19 at a peace officer's request as provided in this section shall be  
20 given a reasonable opportunity to have a person of his or her own  
21 choosing administer 1 of the chemical tests described in this  
22 subsection within a reasonable time after his or her detention.  
23 The test results are admissible and shall be considered with  
24 other ~~competent~~ RELEVANT evidence in determining the  
25 defendant's innocence or guilt. If the person charged is admin-  
26 istered a chemical test by a person of his or her own choosing,

1 the person charged is responsible for obtaining a chemical  
2 analysis of the test sample.

3 (e) If, after an accident, the driver of a vehicle involved  
4 in the accident is transported to a medical facility and a sample  
5 of the driver's blood is withdrawn at that time for medical  
6 treatment, the results of a chemical analysis of that sample are  
7 admissible in any civil or criminal proceeding to show the amount  
8 of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in the  
9 person's blood at the time alleged, regardless of whether the  
10 person had been offered or had refused a chemical test. The med-  
11 ical facility or person performing the chemical analysis shall  
12 disclose the results of the analysis to a prosecuting attorney  
13 who requests the results for use in a criminal prosecution as  
14 provided in this subdivision. A medical facility or person dis-  
15 closing information in compliance with this subsection is not  
16 civilly or criminally liable for making the disclosure.

17 (f) If, after an accident, the driver of a vehicle involved  
18 in the accident is deceased, a sample of the decedent's blood  
19 shall be withdrawn in a manner directed by the medical examiner  
20 to determine the amount of alcohol or the presence of a con-  
21 trolled substance, or both, in the decedent's blood. The medical  
22 examiner shall give the results of the chemical analysis of the  
23 sample to the law enforcement agency investigating the accident  
24 and that agency shall forward the results to the department of  
25 state police.

26 (g) The department of state police shall promulgate uniform  
27 rules ~~pursuant to~~ IN COMPLIANCE WITH the administrative

1 procedures act of 1969, ~~Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969,~~  
2 ~~being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~  
3 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328, for the administration of  
4 chemical tests ~~for the purposes of~~ UNDER this section. An  
5 instrument used for a preliminary chemical breath analysis may be  
6 used for a chemical test described in this subsection if approved  
7 under rules promulgated by the department of state police.

8 (7) ~~The provisions of subsection (6) relating to chemical~~  
9 ~~testing do~~ SUBSECTION (6) DOES not limit the introduction of any  
10 other ~~competent~~ RELEVANT evidence bearing upon the question of  
11 whether a person was impaired by, or under the influence of,  
12 intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or a combination  
13 of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance, or whether the  
14 person had an alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 mil-  
15 liliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 millili-  
16 ters of urine, or if the person is less than 21 years of age,  
17 whether the person had any bodily alcohol content within his or  
18 her body. As used in this section, "any bodily alcohol content"  
19 means either of the following:

20 (a) An alcohol content of not less than 0.02 grams or more  
21 than 0.07 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of  
22 breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

23 (b) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting  
24 from the consumption of intoxicating liquor, other than consump-  
25 tion of intoxicating liquor as a part of a generally recognized  
26 religious service or ceremony.



1           (8) If a chemical test described in subsection (6) is  
2 administered, the test results shall be made available to the  
3 person charged or the person's attorney upon written request to  
4 the prosecution, with a copy of the request filed with the  
5 court. The prosecution shall furnish the results at least 2 days  
6 before the day of the trial. The prosecution shall offer the  
7 test results as evidence in that trial. Failure to fully comply  
8 with the request bars the admission of the results into evidence  
9 by the prosecution.

10           (9) Except in a prosecution relating solely to a violation  
11 of section 625(1)(b) or (6), the amount of alcohol in the  
12 driver's blood, breath, or urine at the time alleged as shown by  
13 chemical analysis of the person's blood, breath, or urine gives  
14 rise to the following presumptions:

15           (a) If there were at the time 0.07 grams or less of alcohol  
16 per 100 milliliters of the defendant's blood, per 210 liters of  
17 the defendant's breath, or per 67 milliliters of the defendant's  
18 urine, it is presumed that the defendant's ability to operate a  
19 motor vehicle was not impaired due to the consumption of intoxi-  
20 cating liquor and that the defendant was not under the influence  
21 of intoxicating liquor.

22           (b) If there were at the time more than 0.07 grams but less  
23 than 0.10 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of the defendant's  
24 blood, per 210 liters of the defendant's breath, or per 67 milli-  
25 liters of the defendant's urine, it is presumed that the  
26 defendant's ability to operate a vehicle was impaired ~~within the~~

1 ~~provisions~~ IN VIOLATION of section 625(3) due to the consumption  
2 of intoxicating liquor.

3 (c) If there were at the time 0.10 grams or more of alcohol  
4 per 100 milliliters of the defendant's blood, per 210 liters of  
5 the breath, or per 67 milliliters of the defendant's urine, it is  
6 presumed that the defendant was under the influence of intoxicat-  
7 ing liquor.

8 (10) A person's refusal to submit to a chemical test as pro-  
9 vided in subsection (6) is admissible in a criminal prosecution  
10 for a crime described in section 625c(1) ~~only~~ to show that a  
11 test was offered ~~to the defendant, but not~~ as evidence in  
12 determining the defendant's innocence or guilt. The jury shall  
13 be instructed accordingly.