

HOUSE BILL No. 6609

November 14, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Kolb and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to establish a pilot program to encourage alternative methods of transportation; and to prescribe certain duties of the state transportation department.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "alternative transportation encouragement act".

3 Sec. 2. The state transportation department shall establish a
4 pilot alternative transportation program that has participating
5 households that live within a 50-mile radius of the city limits of
6 the city of Detroit and an additional pilot alternative
7 transportation program that has participating households within a
8 50-mile radius of the city limits of the city of Grand Rapids. The
9 pilot programs shall contain the elements listed in section 3.

10 Sec. 3. The state transportation department shall establish

1 pilot alternative transportation programs that implement all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Each program shall accept as participants no more than 20
4 households that have extra cars, and the selection of participants
5 by the state transportation department shall be final.

6 (b) Each program shall last for 12 weeks.

7 (c) Each participating household shall receive \$25.00 for each
8 week that the participating household provides baseline information
9 but does not give up the use of their extra car.

10 (d) Each participating household shall receive \$75.00 per week
11 for each week that the household participates in the program and
12 gives up the use of their extra car.

13 (e) Each participating household shall keep a travel diary for
14 the first 2 weeks of the program that gives the state
15 transportation department baseline information about the travel
16 habits of the participating household.

17 (f) Each participating household shall agree to park their
18 extra car for the final 10 weeks of the 12-week program.

19 (g) Each participating household shall keep a daily diary of
20 their travel behavior for the final 10 weeks of the program,
21 including an estimate of the cost of that travel behavior.

22 (h) The state transportation department shall determine the
23 required content of the travel diary and shall collect and analyze
24 the results of the pilot program.

25 (i) The state transportation department shall check the
26 odometers of the extra cars after the first 2 weeks of the program
27 and at the conclusion of the program.

1 (j) The state transportation department shall provide each
2 participating household with information about alternative
3 transportation in the area.

4 (k) The state transportation department shall do whatever is
5 necessary and proper to implement the pilot alternative
6 transportation programs.

7 Sec. 4. The state transportation department shall provide the
8 legislature with a report detailing the results of the pilot
9 alternative transportation programs within 6 months of the
10 conclusion of the pilot alternative transportation programs.

11 Sec. 5. The pilot alternative transportation programs required
12 under this act shall begin no later than 1 year after the effective
13 date of this act.