

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6616

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending sections 216 and 719a (MCL 257.216 and 257.719a),  
section 216 as amended by 2002 PA 642 and section 719a as amended  
by 1996 PA 136, and by adding sections 38a, 49a, and 74a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 38A. "PARK MODEL TRAILER" MEANS A VEHICLE THAT MEETS ALL  
2 OF THE FOLLOWING:

3           (A) IS BUILT ON A SINGLE CHASSIS, MOUNTED ON WHEELS, AND  
4 DESIGNED TO BE TOWED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE FROM TIME TO TIME.

5           (B) REQUIRES A PERMIT UNDER SECTION 719A TO BE TOWED ON A  
6 STREET OR HIGHWAY.

7           (C) IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL SEASONAL OR TEMPORARY  
8 LIVING QUARTERS.

9           (D) WHEN USED AS RECREATIONAL SEASONAL OR TEMPORARY LIVING  
10 QUARTERS, MAY BE CONNECTED TO UTILITIES NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION

1 OF INSTALLED FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES.

2 (E) IS NOT A MOBILE HOME AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 2  
3 OF THE MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ACT, 1987 PA 96, MCL 125.2302.

4 SEC. 49A. "RECREATIONAL VEHICLE" MEANS A NEW OR USED VEHICLE  
5 THAT HAS ITS OWN MOTIVE POWER OR IS TOWED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE; IS  
6 PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY LIVING QUARTERS FOR  
7 RECREATIONAL, CAMPING, TRAVEL, OR SEASONAL USE; COMPLIES WITH ALL  
8 APPLICABLE FEDERAL VEHICLE REGULATIONS; AND DOES NOT REQUIRE A  
9 PERMIT UNDER SECTION 719A TO BE OPERATED OR TOWED ON A STREET OR  
10 HIGHWAY. THE TERM INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, A MOTOR HOME,  
11 TRAVEL TRAILER, PARK MODEL TRAILER, OR PICKUP CAMPER.

12 SEC. 74A. (1) "TRAVEL TRAILER" MEANS A TRAILER COACH, FIFTH  
13 WHEEL TRAILER, CAMPING TRAILER, OR OTHER VEHICLE THAT IS DESIGNED  
14 TO BE TOWED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE; IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY  
15 LIVING QUARTERS FOR RECREATIONAL, CAMPING, OR TRAVEL USE; AND DOES  
16 NOT REQUIRE A SPECIAL HIGHWAY MOVEMENT PERMIT UNDER SECTION 719A  
17 BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE AND WEIGHT WHEN TOWED ON A STREET OR HIGHWAY.

18 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

19 (A) "CAMPING TRAILER" MEANS A TRAILER COACH CONSTRUCTED WITH  
20 COLLAPSIBLE SIDE WALLS THAT FOLD FOR TOWING AND UNFOLD TO PROVIDE  
21 TEMPORARY LIVING QUARTERS FOR RECREATIONAL, CAMPING, OR TRAVEL USE.

22 (B) "FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER" MEANS A TRAILER COACH DESIGNED TO BE  
23 TOWED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE USING A TOWING MECHANISM THAT IS MOUNTED  
24 ABOVE OR FORWARD OF THE TOW VEHICLE'S REAR AXLE.

25 Sec. 216. Every motor vehicle, ~~pickup camper, trailer coach~~  
26 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, when  
27 driven or moved ~~upon~~ ON a STREET OR highway, is subject to the

1 registration and certificate of title provisions of this act except  
2 the following:

3 (a) A vehicle driven or moved ~~upon~~**ON** a **STREET OR** highway in  
4 conformance with the provisions of this act relating to  
5 manufacturers, transporters, dealers, or nonresidents.

6 (b) A vehicle that is driven or moved ~~upon~~**ON** a **STREET OR**  
7 highway only for the purpose of crossing that **STREET OR** highway  
8 from 1 property to another.

9 (c) An implement of husbandry.

10 (d) Special mobile equipment. ~~for which the~~**THE** secretary of  
11 state may issue a special registration to an individual,  
12 partnership, corporation, or association not licensed as a dealer  
13 **THAT PAYS THE REQUIRED FEE**, to identify ~~the~~**SPECIAL MOBILE**  
14 equipment ~~when being moved over the streets and highways upon~~  
15 ~~payment of the required fee~~**THAT IS DRIVEN OR MOVED ON A STREET OR**  
16 **HIGHWAY.**

17 (e) A vehicle that is propelled exclusively by electric power  
18 obtained from overhead trolley wires though not operated ~~upon~~**ON**  
19 rails.

20 (f) Any vehicle subject to registration, but owned by the  
21 government of the United States.

22 (g) A certificate of title ~~need not be obtained~~**IS NOT**  
23 **REQUIRED** for a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer ~~weighing~~**THAT**  
24 **WEIGHS** less than 2,500 pounds.

25 (h) A vehicle driven or moved ~~upon the~~**ON A STREET OR** highway,  
26 **BY THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE**, only for the purpose of securing a **SCALE**  
27 weight receipt from a weighmaster ~~as is required in~~**FOR PURPOSES OF**

1 section 801 ~~, or for~~ obtaining a vehicle inspection by a law  
2 enforcement agency before titling or registration ~~, and then only~~  
3 ~~by the most direct route~~ **OF THAT VEHICLE.**

4 (i) A certificate of title ~~need not be obtained~~ **IS NOT**  
5 **REQUIRED** for a vehicle owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held  
6 for sale or lease, even though incidentally moved on ~~the~~ **A STREET**  
7 **OR** highway or used for purposes of testing or demonstration.

8 (j) A bus or **A** school bus ~~, as defined in section 4b or 57,~~  
9 that is not self-propelled and **IS** used exclusively as a  
10 construction shanty.

11 (k) A certificate of title ~~need not be obtained~~ **IS NOT**  
12 **REQUIRED** for a moped.

13 (l) For 3 days immediately following the date of a properly  
14 assigned title or signed lease agreement from any person other than  
15 a ~~vehicle~~ dealer, a registration ~~need not be obtained~~ **IS NOT**  
16 **REQUIRED** for a vehicle driven or moved ~~upon the~~ **ON A STREET OR**  
17 highway for the sole purpose of transporting the vehicle ~~in~~ **BY** the  
18 most direct route from the place of purchase or lease to a place of  
19 storage if the driver has in his or her possession the assigned  
20 title showing the date of sale or **A** lease agreement showing the  
21 date of the lease.

22 (m) A certificate of registration ~~need not be obtained~~ **IS NOT**  
23 **REQUIRED** for a pickup camper, but a certificate of title ~~shall be~~  
24 ~~obtained~~ **IS REQUIRED.**

25 (n) A new motor vehicle driven or moved ~~upon the~~ **ON A STREET**  
26 **OR** highway only for the purpose of moving the vehicle from an  
27 accident site to a storage location if the vehicle was being

1 transported on a railroad car or semitrailer that was involved in a  
2 disabling accident.

3       Sec. 719a. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
4 act, a person shall not operate ~~on the highways of this state~~ a  
5 towing vehicle to which a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** is  
6 attached ~~, ON A STREET OR HIGHWAY~~ if that mobile home **OR PARK MODEL**  
7 **TRAILER** is more than 45 feet in length or more than 60 feet in  
8 length when combined with the towing vehicle, is more than 12-1/2  
9 feet in height, and has an actual body width of more than 102  
10 inches at base rail, unless that person possesses either of the  
11 following:

12       (a) A permit issued by the jurisdictional authority ~~pursuant~~  
13 ~~to~~ **UNDER** this section.

14       (b) A special permit issued by the jurisdictional authority  
15 ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** section 725.

16       (2) ~~The~~ **A** jurisdictional authority may issue to a mobile home  
17 **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** transport company, a mobile home **OR PARK**  
18 **MODEL TRAILER** manufacturer, or a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER**  
19 dealer an annual permit to move ~~over a~~ **ON A STREET OR** highway, in  
20 the ordinary course of that company's, manufacturer's, or dealer's  
21 business, a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** that conforms to each  
22 of the following:

23       (a) The mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** is not more than 12  
24 feet wide.

25       (b) The actual body length of the mobile home **OR PARK MODEL**  
26 **TRAILER** is not more than 80 feet and the combined length of the  
27 mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** and towing vehicle is not more

1 than 105 feet or the total length of a combination of mobile homes  
2 **OR PARK MODEL TRAILERS** is not more than 80 feet and the total  
3 length of a combination of mobile homes **OR PARK MODEL TRAILERS** and  
4 towing vehicle is not more than 105 feet.

5 (3) A jurisdictional authority ~~may, in accordance with~~ **UNDER**  
6 section 725 ~~, MAY~~ issue a special permit for the movement of a  
7 mobile home ~~ever~~ **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER ON** a **STREET OR** highway  
8 within its jurisdiction if the width of that mobile home **OR PARK**  
9 **MODEL TRAILER** conforms to both of the following:

10 (a) The mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** is not more than 16  
11 feet wide plus normal appurtenances or eaves that extend not more  
12 than 6 inches from any side of the mobile home **OR PARK MODEL**  
13 **TRAILER.**

14 (b) The length of the mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER**  
15 complies with subsection (2)(b).

16 (4) A person operating a towing vehicle under subsection (3)  
17 shall transport a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** only on the  
18 lane farthest to the right of that person. A person shall not move  
19 a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** that is 14 or more feet in  
20 width including an eave of 2 feet when the wind velocity exceeds 25  
21 miles per hour.

22 (5) A jurisdictional authority shall not issue a permit  
23 described in subsection (2) or (3) for the transport of a mobile  
24 home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday,  
25 from the noon before until the noon after a holiday, or during the  
26 hours between sunset and sunrise.

27 (6) A jurisdictional authority shall provide and a person

1 operating a towing vehicle shall comply with all of the following  
2 in a permit issued under this section:

3 (a) The date, day, and time period during which a mobile home  
4 **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** subject to the permit may be moved on a  
5 highway.

6 (b) Notice that the permit is conditioned upon its holder's  
7 compliance with the permit's terms and with the law.

8 (c) Notice that the operator of a towing vehicle transporting  
9 the mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** shall operate the towing  
10 vehicle on a highway as follows:

11 (i) At a safe speed and in a safe manner that will not impede  
12 motor traffic.

13 (ii) Only when the surface condition of the highway is not  
14 slippery.

15 (iii) In ~~accordance~~**COMPLIANCE** with seasonal load restrictions.

16 (d) For a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** and towing vehicle  
17 that, when combined, are more than 80 feet in length or more than  
18 12 feet wide, all of the following:

19 (i) Notice that the mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** shall be  
20 equipped with 2 flashing amber lights on the rear of the mobile  
21 home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** and 1 flashing amber light on the top of  
22 the towing vehicle.

23 (ii) Notice that the mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** shall be  
24 equipped with stop lights and directional lights on the rear of the  
25 mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER**.

26 (iii) Notice that signs with the words "oversize load" shall be  
27 displayed on the front bumper of the towing vehicle and the back of

1 the mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** or, in the case of mobile  
2 homes **OR PARK MODEL TRAILERS** that are 16 feet wide, notice that  
3 signs with the words "16-ft wide load" shall be displayed on the  
4 front bumper of the towing vehicle and the back of the mobile home  
5 **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER**.

6 (iv) Notice that the signs identified in subparagraph (iii) shall  
7 be of durable material, in good condition, with black lettering on  
8 interstate yellow background, and that each letter shall be of  
9 block lettering not less than 12 inches high at the front and not  
10 less than 16 inches high at the rear of the unit.

11 (v) Notice that a vehicle escort is required on those roads  
12 where the state police consider escort vehicles necessary for  
13 highway safety.

14 (7) Signs and other special identification for escort vehicles  
15 shall conform to state transportation department requirements for  
16 all escort vehicles for oversized loads.

17 (8) For a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** being moved  
18 pursuant to this section or section 725, the distance between  
19 mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** axle centers shall not be less  
20 than 34 inches. The axles and tires shall meet standards  
21 established by the state transportation department.

22 (9) This section does not grant or give authority to the state  
23 transportation department that did not exist on May 1, 1982, in  
24 accordance with ~~section 127 of title 23 of the United States Code,~~  
25 ~~23 U.S.C. 127~~ **23 USC 127**.

26 (10) A person ~~who~~ **THAT** violates this section is responsible  
27 for a civil infraction and may be assessed a civil fine of not more



1 than \$500.00. The owner of the towing vehicle may be charged with a  
2 violation of this section.

3 (11) The state transportation commission may order the state  
4 transportation department to immediately cease issuing all special  
5 permits to move on the highways of the lower peninsula of this  
6 state a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** that is more than 14-1/3  
7 feet wide plus normal appurtenances that extend no more than 6  
8 inches, and an eave that extends no more than 2 feet from the width  
9 of that mobile home ~~upon a~~ **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER IF THE** state  
10 transportation commission **MAKES A** determination that those permits  
11 create an unreasonable safety hazard or hazards. The state  
12 transportation commission shall notify all other jurisdictional  
13 authorities of ~~the~~ **A** determination made under this subsection. The  
14 order shall not prohibit the issuance of a special permit for the  
15 movement of a mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER** if a binding  
16 contract for the movement of that mobile home **OR PARK MODEL TRAILER**  
17 was executed before the commission determination of an unreasonable  
18 safety hazard or hazards.

19 (12) As used in this section:

20 (a) "Jurisdictional authority" means the state transportation  
21 department, a county road commission, or a local authority ~~having~~  
22 **THAT HAS** jurisdiction over a **STREET OR** highway ~~upon~~ **ON** which a  
23 mobile home is proposed to be moved.

24 (b) "Mobile home" means any of the following:

25 (i) A prebuilt housing module.

26 (ii) That term as defined in section 2 of the mobile home  
27 commission act, ~~Act No. 96 of the Public Acts of 1987, being~~

1 ~~section 125.2302 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1987 PA 96, MCL~~  
2 ~~125.2302.~~

3 (iii) A section of a mobile home as that term is defined in  
4 subparagraph (ii).

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect July 1,  
6 2009.

7 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
8 unless House Bill No. 6617 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into  
9 law.