

# HOUSE BILL No. 4996

September 20, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Meadows and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
 "Michigan vehicle code,"  
 by amending section 648 (MCL 257.648).

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

1           Sec. 648. (1) The ~~driver~~**OPERATOR** of a vehicle or bicycle upon  
 2 a highway, before stopping or turning from a direct line, shall  
 3 first ~~see~~**DETERMINE** that the stopping or turning can be made in  
 4 safety and shall give a signal as required in this section.

5           (2) ~~A~~**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4), A** signal  
 6 required ~~in~~**UNDER** this section shall be given either by means of  
 7 the hand and arm in the manner specified in this section, or by a  
 8 mechanical or electrical signal device ~~which~~**THAT** conveys an  
 9 intelligible signal or warning to other highway traffic. ~~, except~~

1 ~~as otherwise provided in subsection (3).~~

2 (3) When a signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the  
3 ~~driver~~ **OPERATOR** shall ~~indicate his or her intention to stop or turn~~  
4 ~~by extending his hand and arm from and beyond the left side of the~~  
5 ~~vehicle and signal as follows:~~

6 (a) ~~Left~~ **FOR A LEFT** turn, ~~.....THE OPERATOR SHALL EXTEND HIS~~  
7 **OR HER LEFT** hand and arm ~~extended horizontally.~~

8 (b) ~~Right~~ **FOR A RIGHT** turn, ~~.....THE OPERATOR SHALL EXTEND~~  
9 **HIS OR HER LEFT** hand and arm ~~extended upward OR, IF THE PERSON IS~~  
10 **OPERATING A BICYCLE, EITHER SHALL EXTEND HIS OR HER LEFT ARM UPWARD**  
11 **OR SHALL EXTEND HIS OR HER RIGHT ARM HORIZONTALLY.**

12 (c) ~~Stop~~ **TO STOP** or decrease speed, ~~.....THE OPERATOR SHALL~~  
13 **EXTEND HIS OR HER LEFT** hand and arm ~~extended downward.~~

14 (4) ~~(3)~~ **A commercial motor vehicle, other than these A**  
15 **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE** in transit from a manufacturer to a  
16 dealer, in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required  
17 signal shall be given by, a signal lamp or mechanical signal device  
18 when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post  
19 to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of the  
20 commercial motor vehicle exceeds 24 inches, or when the distance  
21 from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit  
22 of the body or load of the commercial vehicle exceeds 14 feet. The  
23 measurement from steering post to rear limit ~~shall apply~~ **APPLIES** to  
24 a single vehicle or combination of vehicles.

25 (5) ~~(4)~~ **A person who violates this section is responsible for**  
26 **a civil infraction.**