

SENATE BILL No. 569

September 13, 2017, Introduced by Senators HILDENBRAND, HORN, MARLEAU, HANSEN, HUNE and KNOLLENBERG and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 676b (MCL 257.676b), as amended by 2017 PA 112.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 676b. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person, without
2 authority, shall not block, obstruct, impede, or otherwise
3 interfere with the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic
4 upon a public street or highway in this state, by means of a
5 barricade, object, or device, or with his or her person. This
6 section does not apply to persons maintaining, rearranging, or
7 constructing public utility facilities in or adjacent to a street
8 or highway.

9 (2) Subsection (1) and any provision of the Michigan
10 Administrative Code that prohibits a person from standing in a

1 roadway other than a limited access highway for the purpose of
2 soliciting a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of any
3 vehicle do not apply to a person who is soliciting contributions on
4 behalf of a charitable or civic organization during daylight hours,
5 if all of the following are satisfied:

6 (a) The charitable or civic organization complies with
7 applicable local government regulations. A local government may
8 enact or enforce regulations restricting, but not prohibiting, the
9 activity described in this subsection.

10 (b) The charitable or civic organization maintains at least
11 \$500,000.00 in liability insurance.

12 (c) The person is 18 years of age or older.

13 (d) The person is wearing high-visibility safety apparel that
14 meets current American standards promulgated by the International
15 Safety Equipment Association.

16 (e) The portion of the roadway upon which the solicitation
17 occurs is not a work zone and is within an intersection where
18 traffic control devices are present.

19 (3) A local government or road authority that has jurisdiction
20 over a roadway upon which solicitation occurs as described in
21 subsection (2) is not liable for any claim for damages arising out
22 of the use of the roadway as described in subsection (2).

23 (4) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
24 civil infraction.

25 (5) A local government that, on the effective date of the
26 amendatory act that added this subsection, has enacted or is
27 enforcing regulations that are prohibited under subsection (2)(a)

1 shall bring those regulations into compliance with subsection
2 (2)(a) no later than ~~60 days after the effective date of the~~
3 ~~amendatory act that added this subsection.~~ **SEPTEMBER 25, 2017.**

4 (6) As used in this section, "charitable or civic
5 organization" means a nonprofit organization that is qualified
6 under section 501(c)(3), ~~or~~ 501(c)(4), **OR 501(C)(8)** of the internal
7 revenue code, 26 USC 501, or a veterans' organization that has tax-
8 exempt status under the internal revenue code.