

# SENATE BILL NO. 643

November 07, 2019, Introduced by Senator VANDERWALL and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 684 and 695 (MCL 257.684 and 257.695), section 695 as amended by 2006 PA 14, and by adding sections 1e and 688a.

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

1           **Sec. 1e. "Animal-drawn vehicle" means any coach, carriage, or**  
2 **buggy drawn by an animal and on which an individual is or may be**  
3 **transported on a highway or street.**

1           Sec. 684. (1) ~~(a) Every vehicle upon-on a highway within-or~~  
 2 **street in** this state at any time from a half hour after sunset to a  
 3 half hour before sunrise ~~and-or~~ at any other time when there is not  
 4 sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles  
 5 on the highway **or street** at a distance of 500 feet ahead ~~shall-must~~  
 6 display lighted lamps ~~and illuminating-or illuminated~~ devices as  
 7 hereinafter ~~respectively~~ required **under this chapter** for different  
 8 classes of vehicles, ~~subject to exceptions with respect to-except~~  
 9 **for** parked vehicles as hereinafter ~~stated-provided under this~~  
 10 **chapter**. When lighted lamps ~~and-or~~ illuminated devices are required  
 11 by law ~~no-on a vehicle, a vehicle shall-must not~~ be operated ~~upon~~  
 12 ~~any-on a~~ highway ~~of-or street in~~ this state with only the parking  
 13 lights illuminated on the front of the vehicle.

14           (2) ~~(b) Whenever requirement is hereinafter declared as to~~  
 15 **Except as otherwise provided under this chapter,** the distance from  
 16 which certain **lighted** lamps ~~and-or illuminated~~ devices ~~shall-must~~  
 17 render objects visible or ~~within-the distance from~~ which ~~such~~  
 18 **lighted** lamps or **illuminated** devices ~~shall-must~~ be visible, ~~said~~  
 19 ~~provisions shall apply-applies~~ during the times stated in paragraph  
 20 ~~(a) of this section upon-subsection (1) on~~ a straight, level,  
 21 unlighted highway **or street** under normal atmospheric conditions.  
 22 ~~unless a different time or condition is expressly stated.~~

23           (3) ~~(c) Whenever requirement is hereinafter declared as to~~  
 24 **Except as otherwise provided under this chapter,** the mounted height  
 25 of **lighted** lamps or **illuminated** devices, ~~it shall mean-must~~  
 26 **measure** from the center of ~~such-the~~ **lighted** lamp or **illuminated**  
 27 device to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when ~~such~~  
 28 **the** vehicle is without a load.

29           Sec. 688a. (1) **In addition to the requirements under section**

1 688, when a vehicle is operated on a highway or street and the  
2 vehicle is an animal-drawn vehicle, the animal-drawn vehicle must  
3 be equipped with the following lighted lamps or illuminated  
4 devices:

5 (a) At least 2 front lighted lamps or illuminated devices that  
6 emit a white light visible within 500 feet of the front and the  
7 rear of the animal-drawn vehicle.

8 (b) At least 2 rear lighted lamps or illuminated devices that  
9 emit a red light visible within 500 feet of the front and the rear  
10 of the animal-drawn vehicle.

11 (c) At least 2 warning lighted lamps or illuminated devices on  
12 the front and at least 2 warning lighted lamps or illuminated  
13 devices on the rear that emit amber flashing light visible within  
14 500 feet of the front and the rear of the animal-drawn vehicle.

15 (2) The lighted lamps or illuminated devices described under  
16 subsection (1) must be mounted no less than 2.5 feet or more than  
17 12 feet above the ground, as symmetrically and as widely spaced as  
18 possible around the centerline of the animal-drawn vehicle.

19 (3) In addition to the times specified in section 684(1), the  
20 lighted lamps or illuminated devices described in subsection (1)  
21 must be lighted or illuminated during all of the following  
22 conditions:

23 (a) Low visibility due to weather conditions including, but  
24 not limited to, rain, snow, sleet, hail, or fog.

25 (b) Visibility less than 1,000 feet to the front or the rear  
26 of the animal-drawn vehicle.

27 (c) Insufficient light.

28 (d) Heavy traffic.

29 (e) Posted work zone.

1           (4) A driver of an animal-drawn vehicle who fails to use  
2 lighted lamps or illuminated devices as required under this section  
3 is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to  
4 pay a civil fine of not more than \$200.00.

5           (5) This section does not apply to an animal-drawn vehicle  
6 operated on a highway or street situated on state park lands where  
7 the use of motor vehicles, except for the use of vehicles owned by  
8 this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a public  
9 utility, is not permitted.

10           Sec. 695. ~~All vehicles, including animal-drawn vehicles,~~  
11 ~~implements~~ **Implements** of husbandry, ~~road machinery, road rollers,~~  
12 ~~and farm tractors,~~ not otherwise required under this act to be  
13 equipped with head or rear lamps, ~~shall~~ **must** at the times  
14 specified in section 684 be in compliance with either of the  
15 following:

16           (a) ~~For implements of husbandry~~ **If** manufactured before January  
17 1, 2007, be equipped with at least 1 lighted lamp ~~exhibiting or~~  
18 **illuminated device emitting** a white light visible ~~from a distance~~  
19 ~~of~~ **within** 500 feet ~~to~~ **of** the front of the ~~vehicle~~ **implement of**  
20 **husbandry** and with a **lighted** lamp ~~exhibiting or illuminated device~~  
21 **emitting** a red light visible ~~from a distance of~~ **within** 500 feet ~~to~~  
22 **of** the rear of the ~~vehicle~~ **implement of husbandry**.

23           (b) ~~For implements of husbandry~~ **If** manufactured on or after  
24 January 1, 2007, be in compliance with section 684a.