

HOUSE BILL NO. 4353

April 11, 2023, Introduced by Reps. MacDonell, Wilson, Brenda Carter, Arbit and Shannon and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled

"An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the

truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 247.651), as amended by 2012 PA 390.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The state trunk line highway system of this state
 2 consists of all roads, streets, and highways, either located within
 3 or outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages, ~~now or~~
 4 ~~hereafter constituted~~ **that are made** state trunk line highways under
 5 the laws of this state. The director of the department may

1 establish subordinate classifications or groupings of state trunk
 2 line highways as the department ~~deems~~**considers** necessary or
 3 desirable for proper administration of the state trunk line highway
 4 system. Additions to and deletions from the state trunk line
 5 highway system may be made ~~in the manner prescribed by law.~~**by the**
 6 **director of the department.** All roads, streets, and highways
 7 included in the state trunk line highway system shall be known and
 8 may be referred to for all purposes as state trunk line highways.

9 (2) The department or a local road agency may enter into an
 10 operating license agreement with a regional transit authority to
 11 operate a public transit system on the streets and highways of this
 12 state as provided for in state law enacted after January 1, 2012.
 13 As part of ~~such an~~ **operating license** agreement, the department or
 14 local road agency may designate 1 or more lanes of a street or
 15 highway as a dedicated public transit lane. A dedicated public
 16 transit lane may be reserved for the exclusive use of public
 17 transit vehicles operated by a regional transit authority during
 18 periods determined by the department or the local road agency,
 19 except that a dedicated public transit lane ~~shall~~**must** be made
 20 available at all times to emergency services vehicles. ~~Lanes~~**A lane**
 21 designated and marked as **a** dedicated public transit ~~lanes~~**lane** by
 22 the department or a local road agency under an operating license
 23 agreement with a regional transit authority ~~are~~**is** subject to the
 24 same provisions as **a** high-occupancy vehicle ~~lanes~~**lane** under the
 25 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.

26 (3) **The department may designate a lane on a highway for the**
 27 **exclusive use of high-occupancy vehicles or other classes of**
 28 **vehicles determined by the department, during a period determined**
 29 **by the department, by filing a traffic control order and installing**

1 appropriate traffic control devices.

2 (4) As used in this act:

3 (a) "High-occupancy vehicle" means that term as defined in
4 section 20b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.20b.

5 (b) "Traffic control devices" means that term as defined in
6 section 70 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.70.

7 (c) "Traffic control order" means that term as defined in
8 section 71 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.71.