



# SENATE BILL No. 758

November 28, 1995, Introduced by Senator CONROY and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend section 19a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 432 of the Public Acts of 1994, being section 257.19a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of  
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 432 of the Public Acts of 1994, being  
3 section 257.19a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 19a. "Handicapper" means a person who is determined by  
6 a physician OR AN OPTOMETRIST AS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS  
7 SECTION licensed to practice in this state to have 1 or more of  
8 the following ~~physical~~ PHYSICAL characteristics:

1 (a) Blindness AS DETERMINED BY AN OPTOMETRIST OR A  
2 PHYSICIAN.

3 (b) Inability to walk more than 200 feet without having to  
4 stop and rest.

5 (c) Inability to do both of the following:

6 (i) Use 1 or both legs or feet.

7 (ii) Walk without the use of a wheelchair, walker, crutch,  
8 brace, prosthetic, or other device, or without the assistance of  
9 another person.

10 (d) A lung disease from which the person's forced expiratory  
11 volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1  
12 liter, or from which the person's arterial oxygen tension is less  
13 than 60 mm/hg of room air at rest.

14 (e) A cardiovascular condition that causes the person to  
15 measure between 3 and 4 on the New York heart classification  
16 scale, or that renders the person incapable of meeting a minimum  
17 standard for cardiovascular health that is established by the  
18 American heart association and approved by the department of  
19 public health.

20 (f) An arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition that  
21 severely limits the person's ability to walk.

22 (g) The persistent reliance upon an oxygen source other than  
23 ordinary air.