

SENATE BILL NO. 529

May 22, 1997, Introduced by Senators STILLE, ROGERS, BENNETT, STEIL, HOFFMAN, GOUGEON, CISKY, BULLARD and SHUGARS and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 307 (MCL 257.307), as amended by 1996 PA 205.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 307. (1) An application for an operator's or
2 chauffeur's license shall be made in a manner prescribed by the
3 secretary of state and shall contain all of the following:

4 (a) For an operator's or chauffeur's license, full name,
5 date of birth, address of residence, height, sex, eye color, and
6 signature of the applicant, and other information required or
7 permitted on the license pursuant to this chapter.

8 (b) For an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle
9 group designation or indorsement, full name, social security
10 number, date of birth, address of residence, height, sex, and

1 signature of the applicant, and other information required or
2 permitted on the license pursuant to this chapter.

3 (c) For an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle
4 group designation or indorsement, the following certifications
5 made by the applicant:

6 (i) That the applicant meets the applicable federal physical
7 driver qualification requirements pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 391
8 if the applicant operates or intends to operate in interstate
9 commerce or meets the applicable physical qualifications pursuant
10 to the rules promulgated by the department of state police under
11 the motor carrier safety act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public
12 Acts of 1963, being sections 480.11 to 480.21 of the Michigan
13 Compiled Laws, if the applicant operates or intends to operate in
14 intrastate commerce.

15 (ii) That the vehicle in which the applicant will take the
16 driving skills tests is representative of the type of vehicle the
17 applicant operates or intends to operate.

18 (iii) That the applicant has not been convicted of an
19 offense as described in section 312f or 319b.

20 (iv) That the applicant does not have a driver's license
21 from more than 1 state.

22 (d) For an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle
23 group designation or indorsement and for which the applicant
24 claims a waiver of the driving test as provided in section 312f,
25 the following additional certifications made by the applicant
26 concerning the 2-year period immediately before application:

1 (i) That the applicant has not had more than 1 license.

2 (ii) That the applicant has not had any license suspended,
3 revoked, or canceled.

4 (iii) That the applicant has not been convicted of any
5 offense described in section 319b while operating a motor
6 vehicle.

7 (iv) That the applicant has not been convicted of a moving
8 violation under state or local law relating to motor vehicle
9 traffic control arising in connection with a traffic accident.

10 (v) That the applicant is regularly employed in a job
11 requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

12 (vi) That the applicant qualifies under either of the
13 following:

14 (A) Has passed a behind-the-wheel driving test given by a
15 state with a commercial motor vehicle driver licensing and test-
16 ing system and taken in a representative vehicle for that
17 applicant's driver's license vehicle group designation.

18 (B) Has operated, for at least 2 years immediately preceding
19 application, a vehicle representative of the commercial motor
20 vehicle group or passenger vehicle for which he or she is
21 applying. Evidence shall be provided by the applicant's employer
22 or by the applicant if self-employed.

23 (2) An applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's license
24 may have his or her image captured or reproduced at the time the
25 application for the license is made. The secretary of state
26 shall acquire by purchase or lease the equipment for capturing
27 the images and may furnish the equipment to a local unit

1 authorized by the secretary of state to license drivers. The
2 secretary of state shall acquire equipment purchased or leased
3 pursuant to this section under standard purchasing procedures of
4 the department of management and budget based on standards and
5 specifications established by the secretary of state. The secre-
6 tary of state shall not purchase or lease equipment until an
7 appropriation for the equipment has been made by the
8 legislature. An image captured pursuant to this section shall
9 appear on the applicant's operator's or chauffeur's license. The
10 secretary of state may retain and use a person's image described
11 in this subsection only for programs administered by the secre-
12 tary of state. Except as provided in this subsection, the secre-
13 tary of state shall not use a person's image unless written per-
14 mission for that purpose is granted by the person to the secre-
15 tary of state or specific enabling legislation permitting the use
16 is enacted into law. A law enforcement agency of this state
17 shall have access to any information retained by the secretary of
18 state under this subsection. The information may be utilized for
19 any law enforcement purpose unless otherwise prohibited by law.

20 (3) An application shall contain a signature and certifica-
21 tion by the applicant and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4),
22 shall be accompanied by the proper fee. The examiner shall col-
23 lect the application fee and shall forward the fee to the secre-
24 tary of state with the application. The secretary of state shall
25 refund the application fee to the applicant if the license
26 applied for is denied, but shall not refund the fee to an
27 applicant who fails to complete the examination requirements of

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1 the secretary of state within 90 days after the date of
2 application for a license. Until January 1, 2002, a service fee
3 of \$1.00 shall be added to each fee collected for an original,
4 renewal, duplicate, or corrected operator's or chauffeur's
5 license. The service fee received and collected under this sub-
6 section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of
7 the general fund. The service fee shall be used to defray the
8 expenses of the secretary of state. Appropriations from the
9 Michigan transportation fund shall not be used to compensate the
10 secretary of state for costs incurred and services performed
11 under this section.

12 (4) A QUALIFIED POLICE OFFICER IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY A
13 LICENSE APPLICATION FEE. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION:

14 (A) "HIGH-CRIME AREA" MEANS AN AREA WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY
15 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE DETERMINES IS A HIGH-CRIME AREA
16 BASED ON THE STATE POLICE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING PROGRAM STATISTICS
17 AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MUNICIPALITY.

18 (B) "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS A COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE, OR
19 TOWNSHIP.

20 (C) "QUALIFIED POLICE OFFICER" MEANS A PERSON WHO MEETS ALL OF
21 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

22 (i) IS EMPLOYED AS A POLICE OFFICER BY THIS STATE OR A
23 MUNICIPALITY IN THIS STATE.

(ii) LIVES IN A HIGH-CRIME AREA.

(iii) WORKS AS A POLICE OFFICER IN THE HIGH-CRIME AREA IN
WHICH HE OR SHE LIVES.

(iv) MEETS ANY OTHER CONDITIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE
MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH HE OR SHE LIVES.

24 (5) ~~(4)~~ If an application is received from a person previ-
25 ously licensed in another jurisdiction, the secretary of state
26 shall request a copy of the applicant's driving record and other
27 available information from the other jurisdiction. When

1 received, the driving record and other available information from
2 the other jurisdiction becomes a part of the driver's record in
3 this state with the same force and effect as if it had been
4 entered on the driver's record in this state in the original
5 instance. If the application is for an original, renewal, or
6 change of a vehicle group designation or indorsement, the secre-
7 tary of state shall also check the applicant's driving record
8 with the national drivers register and the United States depart-
9 ment of transportation before issuance of that group designation
10 or indorsement.

11 (6) ~~-(5)-~~ Except for a vehicle group designation or indorse-
12 ment, the secretary of state may issue a renewal operator's or
13 chauffeur's license for 1 additional 4-year period by mail or by
14 other methods prescribed by the secretary of state. The secre-
15 tary of state shall issue a renewal license only in person when
16 the licensee has a driving record with a conviction or civil
17 infraction determination obtained in the 48 months preceding
18 renewal. However, the secretary of state shall not refuse to
19 issue a renewal license by mail or by other method because of a
20 conviction or civil infraction determination for which fines and
21 costs were waived pursuant to section 901a or section 907. If a
22 license is renewed by mail or by other method, the secretary of
23 state shall issue evidence of renewal to indicate the date the
24 license expires in the future.

25 (7) ~~-(6)-~~ Upon request, the secretary of state shall provide
26 an information manual to an applicant explaining how to obtain a

1 vehicle group designation or indorsement. The manual shall
2 contain the information required pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 383.