

# HOUSE BILL No. 5704

March 24, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Pastor, Vander Veen, Brandenburg, Taub and Farhat and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
(MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 252h.

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

1       Sec. 252h. (1) An owner of private property that is open to  
2 the public for business purposes, or his or her agent, shall not  
3 tow or cause a vehicle to be towed from that property during  
4 normal business hours unless the owner or agent of that property  
5 has placed a sign on the property that is visible and legible  
6 from the location on which the vehicle to be towed is located  
7 stating that vehicles on that property are subject to being  
8 towed. A sign substantially stating either of the following  
9 meets the requirements of this section:

10       (a) Private property; unauthorized vehicles will be towed.

11       (b) Parking for customers only.

1           (2) This section does not apply to a vehicle towed in  
2 compliance with sections 252a to 252g.

3           (3) An owner of private property, or his or her agent, who  
4 tows or causes a vehicle to be towed in violation of this section  
5 is liable to the owner of the vehicle for the actual costs of  
6 towing and storing the vehicle, including any fees or penalties  
7 arising out of that towing or storage.