

HOUSE BILL No. 5326

October 18, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Wojno, Bieda, Byrnes and Dean and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 2 (MCL 257.2), as amended by 2004 PA 19.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any 1 of the
2 following:

3 (a) Vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles,
4 ambulances, or privately owned motor vehicles of volunteer or paid
5 fire fighters if authorized by the chief of an organized fire
6 department, or privately owned motor vehicles of volunteer or paid
7 members of a life support agency licensed by the department of
8 consumer and industry services if authorized by the life support
9 agency.

10 (b) For purposes of section 698(5)(c) during an emergency, a

1 vehicle owned and operated by a federally recognized nonprofit
2 charitable organization that is used exclusively for assistance
3 during that emergency. **AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "EMERGENCY"**
4 **INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, AN URGENT NEED FOR ACTION**
5 **CONCERNING AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN ANIMAL, OR BOTH, REGARDLESS OF**
6 **WHETHER IT HAS BEEN DECLARED AN EMERGENCY BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.**

7 (c) For purposes of section 653a, a road service vehicle
8 giving a visual signal by means of a flashing, rotating, or
9 oscillating red or amber light. As used in this subdivision, "road
10 service vehicle" means a vehicle that is clearly marked and readily
11 recognizable as a vehicle used to assist disabled vehicles.