CLOSING ROADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR
Act 165 of 1917

AN ACT to authorize highway officials to close roads under construction, improvement or repair, or any portion of a highway whereon a bridge is being constructed or repaired; to require such officials to place in good repair and to mark by proper signs suitable detours around roads, or portions of roads, which are closed hereunder; to provide suitable barriers, and lights shall be maintained at the end of such roads or portions of roads which are thus closed and at the intersections thereof with other roads; to require the removal of signs and barriers located and placed hereunder; and to provide a penalty for a violation of the provisions hereof.

History: 1917, Act 165, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

247.291 Closing highways or bridges for construction or repair; barriers; highway, definition.

Sec. 1. The officials in charge of constructing, improving or repairing highways may close any highway or portion thereof, which is under process of construction, improvement or repair or upon which is located any bridge which is being constructed or repaired. No highway shall be closed under the provisions of this act until suitable barriers have been erected at the ends of the highway or of the closed portion thereof, and also at the point of intersection of such highway or portion thereof with other highways. Suitable barriers are those which conform to the manual of uniform traffic control devices adopted pursuant to section 608 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, being section 257.608 of the Compiled Laws of 1948. For the purposes of this act "highway" includes roads and streets.

History: 1917, Act 165, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 4626;—CL 1948, 247.291;—Am. 1966, Act 176, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1966.

247.292 Closing of highways or bridges for construction or repair; detours, notices, removal of barriers on completion of work.

Sec. 2. No highway shall be closed under the provisions of this act until suitable detours around the same, or the closed portion thereof, are provided and are placed in reasonably safe and passable condition for traffic. Notices in the form of plainly legible signs shall be placed by the highway officials having such work in charge at either end of the closed highway or portion of highway and at such intermediate points along the detour, or detours, as may be necessary to plainly mark the same. Upon the completion of the work of construction, improvement or repair and as soon as the highway or bridge constructed, improved or repaired shall be in suitable condition for public travel, all barriers, marks and signs whatsoever erected under the provisions hereof shall be at once removed by the officials erecting or placing the same.

History: 1917, Act 165, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 4627;—CL 1948, 247.292;—Am. 1966, Act 176, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1966.

247.293 Refusal to provide barriers; penalty.

Sec. 3. Any highway official who shall neglect or refuse to provide suitable barriers and suitable detours or to remove barriers and signs as herein provided, or any person who wilfully enters upon the closed portion of any highway or removes the barriers therefrom, or who removes, obliterates or defaces any sign or mark, or who extinguishes or removes any light placed or maintained hereunder, except by permission of the highway officials in charge, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 1917, Act 165, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 4628;—CL 1948, 247.293;—Am. 1966, Act 176, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1966.

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