

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5936**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 312f (MCL 257.312f), as amended by 2011 PA 159.

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

1       Sec. 312f. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
2 person shall be not less than 18 years of age before he or she is  
3 issued a vehicle group designation or indorsement, other than a  
4 motorcycle indorsement, or not less than 21 years of age and has  
5 been approved by the transportation security administration for a  
6 hazardous material indorsement before he or she is issued a  
7 hazardous material indorsement on an operator's or chauffeur's  
8 license and, as provided in this section, the person shall pass  
9 knowledge and driving skills tests that comply with minimum federal

1 standards prescribed in 49 CFR part 383. A person who is 18 years  
2 of age or older operating a vehicle to be used for farming purposes  
3 only may obtain an A or B vehicle group designation or an F vehicle  
4 indorsement. Each written examination given an applicant for a  
5 vehicle group designation or indorsement shall include subjects  
6 designed to cover the type or general class of vehicle to be  
7 operated. ~~A-EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS, A~~ person shall pass an examination  
8 that includes a driving skills test designed to test competency of  
9 the applicant for an original vehicle group designation and  
10 passenger indorsement on an operator's or chauffeur's license to  
11 drive that type or general class of vehicle upon the highways of  
12 this state with safety to persons and property: -

13 (A) The secretary of state shall waive the driving skills test  
14 for a person operating a vehicle that is used under the conditions  
15 described in section 312e(8)(a) to (d) unless the vehicle has a  
16 gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more on the power  
17 unit and is to be used to carry hazardous materials on which a  
18 placard is required under 49 CFR parts 100 to 199.

19 (B) The driving skills test may be waived if the applicant has  
20 a valid license with the appropriate vehicle group designation,  
21 passenger vehicle indorsement, or school bus indorsement in another  
22 state issued in compliance with 49 USC 31301 to 31317.

23 (C) **THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY WAIVE THE DRIVING SKILLS TEST**  
24 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A PERSON WITH MILITARY COMMERCIAL**  
25 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXPERIENCE IF THE PERSON, AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION,**  
26 **CERTIFIES AND PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY OF**  
27 **STATE THAT HE OR SHE CONTINUOUSLY MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER**

1 49 CFR 383 DURING THE 2-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE  
2 OF APPLICATION FOR THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE.

3 (2) Except for a person who has held an operator's or  
4 chauffeur's license for less than 1 year, the secretary of state  
5 shall waive the knowledge test and the driving skills test and  
6 issue a 1-year seasonal restricted vehicle group designation to an  
7 otherwise qualified applicant to operate a group B or a group C  
8 vehicle for a farm related service industry if all of the following  
9 conditions are met:

10 (a) The applicant meets the requirements of 49 CFR 383.77.

11 (b) The seasons for which the seasonal restricted vehicle  
12 group designation is issued are from April 2 to June 30 and from  
13 September 2 to November 30 only of a 12-month period or, at the  
14 option of the applicant, for not more than 180 days from the date  
15 of issuance in a 12-month period.

16 (c) The commercial motor vehicle for which the seasonal  
17 restricted vehicle group designation is issued shall be operated  
18 only if all the following conditions are met:

19 (i) The commercial motor vehicle is operated only on routes  
20 within 150 miles from the place of business to the farm or farms  
21 being served.

22 (ii) The commercial motor vehicle does not transport a quantity  
23 of hazardous materials on which a placard under 49 CFR parts 100 to  
24 199 is required except for the following:

25 (A) Diesel motor fuel in quantities of 1,000 gallons or less.

26 (B) Liquid fertilizers in quantities of 3,000 gallons or less.

27 (C) Solid fertilizers that are not transported with any

1 organic substance.

2 (iii) The commercial motor vehicle does not require the H, N, P,  
3 S, T, or X vehicle indorsement.

4 (3) A seasonal restricted vehicle group designation under this  
5 section shall be issued, suspended, revoked, canceled, denied, or  
6 renewed in accordance with this act.

7 (4) The secretary of state may enter into an agreement with  
8 another public or private corporation or agency to conduct a  
9 driving skills test required under this section, section 312e, or  
10 49 CFR part 383. Before the secretary of state authorizes a person  
11 to administer a corporation's or agency's driver skills testing  
12 operations or authorizes an examiner to conduct a driving skills  
13 test, that person or examiner must complete both a state and  
14 federal bureau of investigation fingerprint based criminal history  
15 check through the department of state police.

16 (5) The secretary of state shall not issue a **COMMERCIAL**  
17 **LEARNER'S PERMIT, A** vehicle group designation, or a vehicle  
18 indorsement to an applicant for an original vehicle group  
19 designation or vehicle indorsement under section 312e or may cancel  
20 **A COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT OR** all vehicle group designations or  
21 endorsements on a person's operator's or chauffeur's license to  
22 whom 1 or more of the following apply:

23 (a) The applicant has had his or her license suspended or  
24 revoked for a reason other than as provided in section 321a, 515,  
25 732a, or 801c or section 30 of the support and parenting time  
26 enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.630, in the 36 months  
27 immediately preceding application. However, a vehicle group

1 designation may be issued if the suspension or revocation was due  
2 to a temporary medical condition or failure to appear at a  
3 reexamination as provided in section 320.

4 (b) The applicant was convicted of or incurred a bond  
5 forfeiture in relation to a 6-point violation as provided in  
6 section 320a in the 24 months immediately preceding application if  
7 the violation occurred while the applicant was operating a  
8 commercial motor vehicle, or a violation of section 625(3) or  
9 former section 625b, or a local ordinance substantially  
10 corresponding to section 625(3) or former section 625b in the 24  
11 months immediately preceding application, if the applicant was  
12 operating any type of motor vehicle.

13 (c) The applicant is listed on the national driver register,  
14 the commercial driver license information system, or the driving  
15 records of the state in which the applicant was previously licensed  
16 as being disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle or  
17 as having a license or driving privilege suspended, revoked,  
18 canceled, or denied.

19 (d) The applicant is listed on the national driver register,  
20 the commercial driver license information system, or the driving  
21 records of the state in which the applicant was previously licensed  
22 as having had a license suspended, revoked, or canceled in the 36  
23 months immediately preceding application if a suspension or  
24 revocation would have been imposed under this act had the applicant  
25 been licensed in this state in the original instance. This  
26 subdivision does not apply to a suspension or revocation that would  
27 have been imposed due to a temporary medical condition or pursuant

1 ~~to~~ **UNDER** section 321a, 515, 732a, or 801c or section 30 of the  
2 support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL  
3 552.630.

4 (e) The applicant is subject to a suspension or revocation  
5 under section 319b or would have been subject to a suspension or  
6 revocation under section 319b if the applicant had been issued a  
7 vehicle group designation or vehicle indorsement.

8 (f) The applicant has been disqualified from operating a  
9 commercial motor vehicle under 49 USC 31301 to 31317 or the  
10 applicant's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle has been  
11 suspended, revoked, denied, or canceled within 36 months  
12 immediately preceding the date of application.

13 (g) The United States secretary of transportation has  
14 disqualified the applicant from operating a commercial motor  
15 vehicle.

16 (h) The applicant fails to satisfy the federal regulations  
17 promulgated under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 by refusing to certify  
18 the type of commercial motor vehicle operation the applicant  
19 intends to perform and fails to present valid medical certification  
20 to the secretary of state if required to do so.

21 (i) The applicant has been disqualified from operating a  
22 commercial motor vehicle due to **IMPROPER OR** fraudulent testing.

23 **(J) IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE DETERMINES THROUGH A**  
24 **GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION THAT THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A**  
25 **COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE OR ENDORSEMENT WAS ISSUED AS A RESULT OF**  
26 **FRAUDULENT OR IMPROPER CONDUCT IN TAKING A KNOWLEDGE TEST OR**  
27 **DRIVING SKILLS TEST REQUIRED UNDER 49 CFR 383, THE SECRETARY OF**

1 STATE SHALL REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO RETAKE AND SUCCESSFULLY PASS  
2 THAT TEST. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CANCEL ANY COMMERCIAL  
3 DRIVER LICENSE OR ENDORSEMENT ISSUED AS A RESULT OF THE SUSPECT  
4 TEST UNLESS THE APPLICANT RETAKES AND PASSES THAT TEST.

5 (6) The secretary of state shall not renew or upgrade a  
6 vehicle group designation if 1 or more of the following conditions  
7 exist:

8 (a) The United States secretary of transportation has  
9 disqualified the applicant from operating a commercial motor  
10 vehicle.

11 (b) The applicant is listed on the national driver register or  
12 the commercial driver license information system as being  
13 disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle or as having  
14 a driver license or driving privilege suspended, revoked, canceled,  
15 or denied.

16 (c) On or after January 30, 2012, the applicant fails to meet  
17 the requirements of 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 by refusing to certify  
18 the type of commercial motor vehicle operation the applicant  
19 intends to perform and fails to present medical certification to  
20 the secretary of state if required to do so.

21 (7) The secretary of state shall only consider bond  
22 forfeitures under subsection (5)(b) for violations that occurred on  
23 or after January 1, 1990 when determining the applicability of  
24 subsection (5).

25 (8) If an applicant for an original vehicle group designation  
26 was previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the secretary of  
27 state shall request a copy of the applicant's driving record from

1 that jurisdiction. If 1 or more of the conditions described in  
2 subsection (5) exist in that jurisdiction when the secretary of  
3 state receives the copy, the secretary of state shall cancel all  
4 vehicle group designations on the person's operator's or  
5 chauffeur's license.

6 (9) The secretary of state shall cancel all vehicle group  
7 designations on a person's operator's or chauffeur's license upon  
8 receiving notice from the United States secretary of  
9 transportation, the national driver register, the commercial driver  
10 license system, or another state or jurisdiction that 1 or more of  
11 the conditions described in subsection (5) existed at the time of  
12 the person's application in this state.

13 (10) The secretary of state shall cancel all vehicle group  
14 designations on the person's operator's or chauffeur's license upon  
15 receiving proper notice that the person no longer meets the federal  
16 driver qualification requirements under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 to  
17 operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate or intrastate  
18 commerce, or the person no longer meets the driver qualification  
19 requirements to operate a commercial motor vehicle in intrastate  
20 commerce under the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181,  
21 MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

22 (11) Subsection (5) (a), (b), (d), and (f) do not apply to an  
23 applicant for an original vehicle group designation who at the time  
24 of application has a valid license to operate a commercial motor  
25 vehicle issued by any state in compliance with 49 USC 31301 to  
26 31317.

27 (12) As used in this section, "farm related service industry"



- 1 means custom harvesters, farm retail outlets and suppliers, agri-
- 2 chemical business, or livestock feeders.