

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 465**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
(MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 643b.

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

1           **Sec. 643b. (1) The operator of a vehicle shall not follow a**  
2 **snowplow more closely than the following distances, as applicable:**

3           **(a) On a street or highway with a speed limit of more than 35**  
4 **miles per hour, 200 feet.**

5           **(b) On a street or highway with a speed limit of 35 miles per**  
6 **hour or less, 75 feet.**

7           **(2) Subsection (1) does not apply when the operator of a**  
8 **vehicle is legally overtaking or passing a snowplow.**

9           **(3) The operator of a vehicle that is not a snowplow that**



1 approaches a snowplow from the rear that is stopped at or in an  
2 intersection shall do both of the following:

3 (a) Stop not less than 20 feet from the snowplow.

4 (b) Remain stopped until the snowplow resumes motion and  
5 vacates the intersection.

6 (4) A person that violates this section is responsible for a  
7 civil infraction.

8 (5) As used in this section, "snowplow" means a vehicle that  
9 is all of the following:

10 (a) Operating on behalf of this state, a county, or a  
11 municipality.

12 (b) Actively engaging in snow and ice removal, snowplowing,  
13 salting, or sanding.

14 (c) Operating lights as described in section 698(5)(d).