

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

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DATE: May 22 2002

TO: All Motor Carrier Division Members

FROM: Capt. Robert R. Powers, Jr., Commanding Officer,
Motor Carrier Division

SUBJECT: Change to Act 181

Attached is Enrolled SB 943 which amends Section 480.17c of the Motor Carrier Safety Act and went into effect May 1, 2002.

This amendment has added a penalty of one-year imprisonment for a hazardous material violation. Since it is a misdemeanor with an imprisonment of more than 92 days, it is considered a "high" misdemeanor and requires fingerprints to be taken. Additionally, it is an arrest, not a citation.

Section 480.17c is to ONLY be used for hazardous material violations.- It is NOT to be used for general violations (i.e., log books, medical cards etc.) committed by a driver who happens to be transporting hazardous materials.

Please ensure all your enforcement personnel are made aware of this.

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Attachment

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