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VEHICLE REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DATE

House Bill 5239 as introduced **RECEIVED**
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Sponsor: Rep. Sharon Gire
Committee: Transportation

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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The vehicle code requires the secretary of state, 45 days prior to a vehicle owner's birthday and 90 days before the vehicle's registration expiration date, to issue a new registration for a vehicle to the vehicle's owner. (This provision does not apply for vehicles used for commercial purposes.) In most instances, the registration expiration date occurs on the vehicle owner's birthday, in which case the person who owns the vehicle should receive the new registration more than a month before his or her birthday to give that person time to replace the old license. Certain "company" vehicles, however, are not owned by a specific person even though they may be used most of the time by one individual within the company. Each of these types of vehicles has a specific registration expiration date assigned to it, and the company itself is responsible for ensuring that every vehicle in its fleet has an up-to-date vehicle registration. The act recognizes that companies with large vehicle fleets need more time to ensure each vehicle gets the correct registration before its expiration date, and thus requires the secretary of state to issue new registrations for these vehicles 90 days before their expiration dates. Apparently, some large companies need even more time to get registrations properly matched and placed with vehicles and request legislation to require the secretary of state to issue registrations for company-owned vehicles a month sooner.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the vehicle code to increase the time prior to a vehicle's registration expiration date that the secretary of state is required to issue a vehicle registration from 90 to 120 days.

MCL 257.226

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the Department of State, the bill would not affect state expenditures. (11-8-89)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would give companies with large vehicle fleets the additional time they need to ensure each vehicle had the correct registration before its expiration date, by requiring the secretary of state to issue registrations for these vehicles 120 days, rather than 90 days, before the vehicle's registration expiration date. Although a vehicle may be used primarily by one individual within the company, the company itself is responsible to see that the car's registration is current and correct. Issuing these registrations 30 days earlier would not present a problem for the secretary of state, according to a department spokesperson.

POSITIONS:

The Department of State supports the bill. (11-8-89)

AAA Michigan supports the bill. (11-7-89)

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