

HOUSE BILL No. 4776

May 8, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Trim, Hertel, Fitzgerald, Stopczynski, Griffin, Ostling, DeBeaussaert, Bartnik, Ouwinga, Hoffman, Giese, Keith, Nye, Law, Dunaskiss, Crandall and Kosteva and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 226 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended
"Michigan vehicle code,"

as amended by Act No. 142 of the Public Acts of 1987, being section 257.226 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 226 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 142 of the Public Acts of 1987, being
3 section 257.226 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 226. (1) A vehicle registration issued by the secre-
6 tary of state shall expire on the owner's birthday, unless
7 another expiration date is provided for under this act or unless
8 the registration is for the following vehicles, in which case
9 registration shall expire on the last day of February:

1 (a) A commercial vehicle other than a pickup truck or van
2 owned by an individual.

3 (b) A trailer or semitrailer owned by a business, corpora-
4 tion, or person other than an individual; or a pole trailer.

5 (2) The expiration date for a registration issued ~~to~~ FOR a
6 motorcycle shall be March 31.

7 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the let-
8 ters "SEN" or "REP" shall be February 1.

9 (4) In the case of a vehicle owned by a business, corpora-
10 tion, or an owner other than an individual, the secretary of
11 state may assign or reassign the expiration date of the
12 registration.

13 (5) The secretary of state shall:

14 (a) After December 31, 1982, if the year designated on the
15 registration is 1984, after December 31, 1987, if the registra-
16 tion is to expire on the last day of February in 1989, or after
17 the October 1 immediately preceding the year designated on the
18 registration for all years other than 1984 or 1989, issue a reg-
19 istration upon application and payment of the proper fee for a
20 commercial vehicle, other than a pickup or van owned by an indi-
21 vidual; a trailer owned by a business, corporation, or person
22 other than an individual.

23 (b) On or after January 1 of the year designated on an
24 international registration plan registration plate, issue a reg-
25 istration under section 801g upon application and payment of the
26 proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in
27 interstate commerce.

1 (c) After the February 14 immediately preceding the year
2 designated on a registration, issue a registration upon applica-
3 tion and payment of the proper fee for a motorcycle.

4 (d) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday and 90
5 days before the expiration date assigned by the secretary of
6 state, issue a registration for a vehicle other than those desig-
7 nated in subsection (1)(a) or (b). However, if an owner whose
8 registration period begins 45 days before his or her birthday
9 will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately preceding
10 expiration of a registration or for other good cause shown cannot
11 apply for a renewal registration within the 45-day period, appli-
12 cation for a renewal registration may be made not more than 6
13 months before expiration.

14 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
15 secretary of state, upon application and payment of the proper
16 fee, shall issue a registration for a vehicle to a resident which
17 shall expire on the owner's birthday. If the owner's next birth-
18 day is at least 6 months but not more than 12 months in the
19 future, the owner shall receive a registration valid until the
20 owner's next birthday. If the owner's next birthday is less than
21 6 months in the future, the owner shall receive a registration
22 valid until the owner's birthday following the owner's next
23 birthday. The tax required under this act for a registration
24 described in this section shall bear the same relationship to the
25 tax required under section 801 for a 12-month registration as the
26 length of time of the registration bears to 12 months. Partial
27 months shall be considered as whole months in the calculation of

1 the required tax and in the determination of the length of time
2 between the application for a registration and the owner's next
3 birthday. The tax required for that registration shall be
4 rounded off to whole dollars as provided in section 801.

5 (7) A certificate of title shall remain valid until canceled
6 by the secretary of state for cause or upon a transfer of an
7 interest shown on the certificate of title.

8 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue spe-
9 cial registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months
10 after the date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds
11 \$50.00, on the payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a
12 service charge as enumerated in section 802(1).

13 (9) The secretary of state may issue a special
14 registration:

15 (a) For a new vehicle purchased outside of this state and
16 delivered in this state to the purchaser by the manufacturer of
17 that vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a
18 certification is made that the vehicle will be primarily used,
19 stored, and registered outside of this state and will not be
20 returned to this state by the purchaser for use or storage.

21 (b) For a vehicle purchased in this state and delivered to
22 the purchaser by a dealer or by the owner of the vehicle for
23 removal to a place outside of this state, if a certification is
24 made that the vehicle will be primarily used, stored, and regis-
25 tered outside of this state and will not be returned to this
26 state by the purchaser for use or storage.

1 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9)
2 shall be valid for not more than 30 days after the date of
3 issuance and a fee shall be collected for each special registra-
4 tion as provided in section 802(3). The special registration may
5 be in the form determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer
6 makes a retail sale of a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified
7 and eligible to obtain a special registration, the dealer shall
8 make application for the special registration for the purchaser.
9 If a person other than a dealer sells a vehicle to a purchaser
10 who is qualified and eligible to obtain a special registration,
11 the purchaser shall appear in person, or by a person exercising
12 the purchaser's power of attorney, at an office of the secretary
13 of state and furnish a certification that the person is the bona
14 fide purchaser or that the person has granted the power of attor-
15 ney, together with other forms required for the issuance of the
16 special registration. The certification required in this section
17 shall contain the following: the address of the purchaser; a
18 statement that the vehicle is purchased for registration outside
19 of this state; a statement that the vehicle shall be primarily
20 used, stored, and registered outside of this state; the name of
21 the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is to be registered; and
22 other information desired by the secretary of state.

23 (11) UPON REQUEST, THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ISSUE A REGIS-
24 TRATION VALID FOR 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE FOR USE ON
25 A TRAILER WEIGHING 1,500 POUNDS OR LESS AND THAT IS USED FOR REC-
26 REATIONAL PURPOSES, UPON PAYMENT OF 1/2 THE FULL REGISTRATION FEE
27 IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 801.