

# HOUSE BILL No. 5239

October 26, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Gire, DeBeaussaert, Barns, Runco, Gubow, Stabenow, Niederstadt, Martin, Bankes and DeMars 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. 136 of the Public Acts of 1989, 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. 136 of the Public Acts of 1989, 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~~ EXPIRES on the owner's birthday,  
7 unless another expiration date is provided for under this act or  
8 unless the registration is for the following vehicles, in which

1 case registration ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES on the last day of  
2 February:

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

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

7 (2) The expiration date for a registration issued for a  
8 motorcycle ~~shall be~~ IS March 31.

9 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the let-  
10 ters "SEN" or "REP" ~~shall be~~ IS February 1.

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

15 (5) The secretary of state shall DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (a) After December 31, 1982, if the year designated on the  
17 registration is 1984, after December 31, 1987, if the registra-  
18 tion ~~is to expire~~ EXPIRED on ~~the last day of~~ February ~~in~~  
19 28, 1989, or after the October 1 immediately preceding the year  
20 designated on the registration for all years other than 1984 or  
21 1989, issue a registration upon application and payment of the  
22 proper fee for a commercial vehicle, other than a pickup or van  
23 owned by an individual; OR a trailer owned by a business, corpo-  
24 ration, or person other than an individual.

25 (b) On or after January 1 of the year designated on an  
26 international registration plan registration plate, issue a  
27 registration under section 801g upon application and payment of

1 the proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in  
2 interstate commerce.

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

6 (d) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday and ~~90-~~  
7 120 days before the expiration date assigned by the secretary of  
8 state, issue a registration for a vehicle other than those desig-  
9 nated in subsection (1)(a) or (b). However, if an owner whose  
10 registration period begins 45 days before his or her birthday  
11 will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately preceding  
12 expiration of a registration or for other good cause shown cannot  
13 apply for a renewal registration within the 45-day period, appli-  
14 cation for a renewal registration may be made not more than 6  
15 months before expiration.

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

1 registration as the length of time of the registration bears to  
2 12 months. Partial months shall be considered as whole months in  
3 the calculation of the required tax and in the determination of  
4 the length of time between the application for a registration and  
5 the owner's next birthday. The tax required for that registra-  
6 tion shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in section  
7 801.

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

11 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue spe-  
12 cial registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months  
13 after the date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds  
14 \$50.00, on the payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a  
15 service charge as enumerated in section 802(1).

16 (9) The secretary of state may issue a special registration  
17 FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

24 (b) ~~For a~~ A vehicle purchased in this state and delivered  
25 to the purchaser by a dealer or by the owner of the vehicle for  
26 removal to a place outside of this state, if a certification is  
27 made that the vehicle will be primarily used, stored, and

1 registered outside of this state and will not be returned to this  
2 state by the purchaser for use or storage.

3 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9)  
4 ~~shall be~~ IS valid for not more than 30 days after the date of  
5 issuance, and a fee shall be collected for each special registra-  
6 tion as provided in section 802(3). The special registration may  
7 be in the form determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer  
8 makes a retail sale of a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified  
9 and eligible to obtain a special registration, the dealer shall  
10 ~~make application~~ APPLY for the special registration for the  
11 purchaser. If a person other than a dealer sells a vehicle to a  
12 purchaser who is qualified and eligible to obtain a special reg-  
13 istration, the purchaser shall appear in person, or by a person  
14 exercising the purchaser's power of attorney, at an office of the  
15 secretary of state and furnish a certification that the person is  
16 the bona fide purchaser or that the person has granted the power  
17 of attorney, together with other forms required for the issuance  
18 of the special registration. The certification required in this  
19 ~~section~~ SUBSECTION shall contain ALL OF the following: ~~the~~

20 (A) THE address of the purchaser. ~~, a~~

21 (B) A statement that the vehicle is purchased for registra-  
22 tion outside of this state. ~~, a~~

23 (C) A statement that the vehicle shall be primarily used,  
24 stored, and registered outside of this state. ~~, the~~

25 (D) THE name of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is to  
26 be registered. ~~, and other~~

1 (E) OTHER information desired by the secretary of state.

2 (11) Upon request, the secretary of state may issue a  
3 registration valid for 6 months after the date of issuance for  
4 use on a trailer or semitrailer weighing 1,500 pounds or less and  
5 that is used for recreational purposes, upon payment of 1/2 the  
6 full registration fee imposed under section 801(1)(l).