

HOUSE BILL No. 5326

December 5, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Profit, Martin, Palamara, Joe Young, Jr., Hood, Jacobetti, Gagliardi, O'Neill, Jondahl, Perry Bullard, Emmons, Brown, DeMars, Gire, Mathieu, Stabenow, Berman, Emerson, Gilmer, Miller, Dunaskiss, Sofio, Hollister, Richard A. Young, Harrison and Jaye and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend section 803m of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended

"Michigan vehicle code,"

as added by Act No. 111 of the Public Acts of 1989, being section 257.803m of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 811c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 803m of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts
2 of 1949, as added by Act No. 111 of the Public Acts of 1989,
3 being section 257.803m of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 and section 811c is added to read as follows:

5 Sec. 803m. (1) The secretary of state may issue 2 special
6 organization motor vehicle registration plates to an applicant
7 for use on a passenger motor vehicle, pickup truck, van, or motor
8 home for which the plates are issued instead of standard plates.
9 A special organization motor vehicle registration plate is a

1 registration plate issued by the secretary of state that bears on
2 its face the symbol or emblem of an organization.

3 (2) Special organization plates shall bear letters and num-
4 bers as the secretary of state prescribes. Special organization
5 plates may contain the symbol of the organization to the left of
6 the plate number. The secretary of state shall not issue a
7 letter combination or permit the use of a symbol which might
8 carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency. The
9 special organization plates shall be made of the same material as
10 standard plates. Special organization plates shall not be a
11 duplication of another registration plate.

12 (3) In order to qualify its members to receive special orga-
13 nization plates, an organization shall meet all of the following
14 criteria:

15 (a) Be a nonprofit fraternal or public service
16 organization.

17 (b) Certify that it consists of not less than 500 members
18 and that not less than 500 members will apply for special organi-
19 zation registration plates.

20 (c) Have a recognizable state, national, or international
21 symbol or emblem of the organization.

22 (d) Submit a service fee of \$500.00 for the initial manufac-
23 ture of the symbols or emblems for the special registration
24 plates.

25 (e) Not practice or influence others to practice any form of
26 discrimination prohibited by the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act,

1 Act No. 453 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 37.2101 to
2 37.2804 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

3 (4) If an organization meets the criteria set forth in sub-
4 section (3), the organization may request the secretary of state
5 to manufacture special organization registration plates for its
6 members. A request shall be accompanied by all of the
7 following:

8 (a) A copy of the organization's charter and bylaws, if
9 any.

10 (b) A statement of the organization's consent to use of the
11 organization's symbol or emblem on special organization plates.
12 The statement shall be signed by the president or chief executive
13 officer of the organization.

14 (c) A sample of the organization's symbol or emblem.

15 (d) The name of the organization's representative who will
16 serve as a contact person with the secretary of state.

17 (5) A member of an organization which has met the criteria
18 set forth in subsection (3) shall individually make application
19 for a special organization plate and submit with the application
20 the organization's confirmation of membership on a form provided
21 by the secretary of state.

22 (6) An application for a special organization registration
23 plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to
24 the procedures prescribed in section 217. In addition to the
25 regular registration fee, each application for a new special
26 organization plate shall be accompanied by a service fee of
27 \$25.00. The service fee prescribed in this subsection shall not

1 be charged in connection with an application for a renewal tab
2 for an existing special organization plate. A special organi-
3 zation registration plate shall expire as provided in section
4 226.

5 (7) Each service fee collected under this section shall be
6 deposited in the state treasury and shall be credited to the
7 Michigan transportation fund. After deducting manufacturing and
8 administrative costs, the service fees shall be allocated pursu-
9 ant to section 10 of Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, being
10 section 247.660 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

11 (8) The secretary of state may issue a temporary registra-
12 tion permit to a person who submits an application and the proper
13 fees for a special organization plate, if the applicant's current
14 vehicle registration will expire before his or her receipt of an
15 organization plate. The temporary registration shall expire upon
16 the applicant's receipt of an organization plate or upon the
17 expiration of 60 days after the date of issuance, whichever
18 occurs first. A temporary permit issued under this subsection
19 shall be issued without charge.

20 (9) SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATES SHALL NOT BE
21 ISSUED TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH IS AFFILIATED WITH A PUBLIC COL-
22 LEGE OR PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN THIS STATE.

23 SEC. 811C. (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEVELOP A COL-
24 LEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATE FOR EACH PUBLIC COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
25 IN THIS STATE, EXCLUDING COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, AND, UPON
26 APPLICATION, SHALL ISSUE A COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATE TO AN
27 APPLICANT FOR USE ON THE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE, PICKUP TRUCK,

1 VAN, OR MOTOR HOME FOR WHICH THE PLATE IS ISSUED INSTEAD OF A
2 STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATE.

3 (2) AN APPLICATION FOR A COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL
4 BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES
5 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 217. IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR REGISTRA-
6 TION TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 801, EACH APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCOM-
7 PANIED WITH PAYMENT OF A SERVICE FEE OF \$3.00 FOR THE FIRST MONTH
8 AND \$2.00 PER MONTH FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH OF THE REGISTRATION
9 PERIOD OF THE PLATE. COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATES SHALL EXPIRE
10 ON THE APPLICANT'S BIRTHDAY PURSUANT TO SECTION 226.

11 (3) THE COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATE FUND IS ESTABLISHED IN
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED
13 ONLY AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

14 (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEPOSIT EACH SERVICE FEE
15 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WITH THE STATE TREASURER, TO
16 THE CREDIT OF THE COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATE FUND. THE FUND
17 MAY RECEIVE MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE AS APPROPRIATED BY THE
18 LEGISLATURE. THE MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL, UPON APPROPRIATION, BE
19 DISTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN PROPORTION TO
20 THE SALES FOR PLATES DESIGNATING THOSE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,
21 AFTER DEDUCTING MANUFACTURING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. THE SEC-
22 RETARY OF STATE SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF THE MONEY DESIGNATED FOR
23 EACH PUBLIC COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE PRO
24 RATA SHARE OF THE FUND EACH PUBLIC COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SHALL
25 RECEIVE. MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE FUND BY A PUBLIC COLLEGE OR
26 UNIVERSITY SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT, INCLUDING
27 SCHOLARSHIPS.

1 (5) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DESIGN A SEPARATE DECAL FOR
2 EACH PUBLIC COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THIS STATE TO BE AFFIXED TO
3 A COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATE. COLLEGIATE PLATES SHALL BE OF
4 THE SAME MATERIAL AS STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATES AND THE WORD
5 "MICHIGAN" SHALL BE STAMPED ACROSS THE TOP OF THE PLATE.
6 COLLEGIATE PLATES SHALL NOT BE A DUPLICATION OF ANOTHER REGISTRA-
7 TION PLATE.

8 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY REGISTRA-
9 TION PERMIT TO A PERSON WHO SUBMITS AN APPLICATION AND THE PROPER
10 PAYMENTS FOR A COLLEGIATE PLATE, IF THE APPLICANT'S CURRENT VEHI-
11 CLE REGISTRATION WILL EXPIRE BEFORE HIS OR HER RECEIPT OF COLLE-
12 GIATE PLATES. THE TEMPORARY REGISTRATION SHALL EXPIRE UPON
13 RECEIPT OF A COLLEGIATE PLATE OR 60 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE,
14 WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. THE TEMPORARY PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED
15 WITHOUT A SEPARATE FEE.