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**Introduced by Reps. London, Kukuk, Green, Curtis, DeMars, Randall, McBryde, McNutt, Gernaat, Baade,  
McManus, Voorhees, Lowe, Gilmer and Jaye**

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5265**

AN ACT to amend section 803b of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," as amended by Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1993, being section 257.803b of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Section 803b of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended by Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1993, being section 257.803b of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 803b. (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personalized vehicle registration plate which shall be used on the passenger motor vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor home, hearse, bus, trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is issued instead of a standard plate. Personalized plates shall bear letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes. The secretary of state shall not issue a letter combination which might carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency. The personalized plates shall be made of the same material as standard plates. Personalized plates shall not be a duplication of another registration plate.

(2) An application for a personalized registration plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to section 217. Application for an original personalized registration plate shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for the first month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month of the registration period in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be obtained by requesting that option on the application and paying an additional service fee of \$5.00. Application for the renewal of a personalized registration plate shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. The service fee shall be credited to the Michigan transportation fund; and, after deduction of manufacturing and administrative costs, the service fee shall be allocated pursuant to section 10 of Act No. 51 of the

Public Acts of 1951, being section 247.660 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The amount allocated to the state trunk line fund shall be used by the state transportation department for litter pickup and cleanup on state roads and rights of way.

(3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate shall be pursuant to section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration. Upon the renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for the rear plate designating the next expiration date of the plate. Upon renewal, the secretary of state shall not issue the owner a new exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate is illegible and the owner pays the service fee and registration fee for an original personalized registration plate.

(4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of letters and numbers on a personalized plate shall not be given to a different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom the plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date of the plate.

(5) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a personalized plate if the applicant's vehicle registration may expire prior to receipt of his or her personalized plate. The temporary registration shall be valid for not more than 60 days after the date of issuance. The temporary permit shall be issued without a fee.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

Approved -----

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Governor.