



HOUSE BILL No. 5563

February 8, 1996, Introduced by Rep. Whyman and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding sections 247a and 247b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as
2 amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled
3 Laws, is amended by adding sections 247a and 247b to read as
4 follows:

5 SEC. 247A. (1) A MANUFACTURER OWNING A VEHICLE OF A TYPE
6 OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THIS ACT MAY OPERATE OR
7 MOVE THE VEHICLE UPON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS IN CONNECTION WITH
8 PUBLIC CIVIC EVENTS, WITHOUT REGISTERING THE VEHICLE, UPON
9 CONDITION THAT THE VEHICLE DISPLAY, IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED

1 UNDER SECTION 225, 1 SPECIAL PLATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF
2 STATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS HE OR
3 SHE CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THIS ACT.

4 (2) A MANUFACTURER OR TRANSPORTER MAY MAKE APPLICATION ON A
5 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE SECRETARY OF
6 STATE FOR 1 OR MORE SPECIAL PLATES, WHICH SPECIAL PLATES SHALL BE
7 VALID FOR 3 YEARS. UPON APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION, THE FEE FOR
8 1 OR MORE SPECIAL PLATES SHALL BE 3 TIMES THE ANNUAL FEE ASSESSED
9 UNDER SECTION 803.

10 SEC. 247B. (1) IN ADDITION TO THE COMMEMORATIVE PLATE THE
11 SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ISSUE UNDER SECTION 225, A PRIVATE CORPO-
12 RATION, ASSOCIATION, CLUB, OR ORGANIZATION, OR AN AGENCY OF GOV-
13 ERNMENT THAT SPONSORS A CIVIC EVENT AND WISHES TO HAVE CERTAIN
14 VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CIVIC EVENT DISPLAY A SPECIAL PLATE
15 MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL
16 COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT PLATES FOR THOSE VEHICLES. THE APPLI-
17 CATION SHALL BE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED AND FURNISHED BY THE SECRE-
18 TARY OF STATE AND SHALL CONTAIN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
19 INFORMATION:

20 (A) AN INDICATION OF THE NATURE, DATE, AND DURATION OF THE
21 CIVIC EVENT.

22 (B) THE NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF EACH
23 SPONSOR OF THE CIVIC EVENT.

24 (C) THE NUMBER OF PLATES DESIRED.

25 (D) A PROPOSED PLATE DESIGN.

26 (E) OTHER INFORMATION CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE SECRETARY
27 OF STATE.

1 (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR
2 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION UNLESS THE SECRETARY OF STATE DETER-
3 MINES THAT THE CIVIC EVENT IS POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE OR THE
4 APPLICANT HAS PREVIOUSLY MISUSED A COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT
5 PLATE.

6 (3) IF AN APPLICATION FOR PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS
7 APPROVED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REVIEW THE PROPOSED COM-
8 MEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT PLATE DESIGN AND MAY MODIFY ITS FORM AND
9 CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT APPROVE
10 A COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT PLATE DESIGN THAT MIGHT BE OFFENSIVE
11 TO GOOD TASTE AND DECENCY. THE FINAL COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT
12 PLATE DESIGN SHALL INCLUDE SPACE FOR THE NAME OF THIS STATE AND
13 THE WORD "COMMEMORATIVE".

14 (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE MANUFACTURE
15 OF APPROVED COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT PLATES AND MAY CONTRACT
16 WITH MICHIGAN CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES OR WITH A PRIVATE VENDOR
17 FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF THOSE PLATES.

18 (5) BEFORE MANUFACTURE OF COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT PLATES,
19 THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DETERMINE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
20 DESIGN MODIFICATION, CONTRACTING, ADMINISTRATION, TOOLMAKING,
21 MANUFACTURE, HANDLING, AND DELIVERY OF THE COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC
22 EVENT PLATES. A FEE EQUALING THE DETERMINED COST SHALL BE
23 CHARGED FOR THE COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT PLATES AND THE APPLI-
24 CANT SHALL PAY 50% OF THE FEE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE BEFORE
25 MANUFACTURE OF THE PLATES BEGINS. THE COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT
26 PLATES SHALL NOT BE DELIVERED UNTIL THE REMAINDER OF THE FEE HAS
27 BEEN PAID IN FULL. INDIVIDUAL COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT PLATE

1 USERS MAY BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE THE APPLICANT FOR A PRO RATA
2 PORTION OF THE DETERMINED COST. THE FEE RECEIVED BY THE SECRE-
3 TARY OF STATE FOR PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN
4 THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

5 (6) A COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC EVENT PLATE SHALL NOT BE ATTACHED
6 TO THE REAR OF A VEHICLE. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION
7 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A CIVIL INFRACTION.