



# SENATE BILL No. 127

January 17, 1995, Introduced by Senator CHERRY  
and referred to the Committee on Transportation  
and Tourism.

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 section 811d.

**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 section 811d to read as follows:

4 SEC. 811D. (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL INITIATE A CON-  
5 TEST FOR MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE DESIGN  
6 FOR A GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY REGISTRATION PLATE. AFTER SELEC-  
7 TION OF THE APPROPRIATE DESIGN, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL  
8 DEVELOP A GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY PLATE AND, UPON APPLICATION,  
9 SHALL ISSUE A GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY PLATE TO AN APPLICANT FOR

1 USE ON THE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE, PICKUP TRUCK, VAN, OR MOTOR  
2 HOME FOR WHICH THE PLATE IS ISSUED INSTEAD OF A STANDARD REGIS-  
3 TRATION PLATE.

4 (2) AN APPLICATION FOR A GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY PLATE  
5 SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO THE PRO-  
6 CEDURES PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 217. IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR  
7 REGISTRATION TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 801, EACH APPLICATION SHALL  
8 BE ACCOMPANIED WITH PAYMENT OF A SERVICE FEE OF \$5.00 FOR THE  
9 FIRST MONTH AND \$2.00 PER MONTH FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH OF THE  
10 REGISTRATION PERIOD OF THE PLATE. GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY  
11 PLATES SHALL EXPIRE ON THE APPLICANT'S BIRTHDAY PURSUANT TO  
12 SECTION 226.

13 (3) THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY FUND IS CREATED AS A  
14 RESTRICTED FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY. MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL  
15 BE EXPENDED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

16 (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEPOSIT EACH SERVICE FEE  
17 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WITH THE STATE TREASURER, TO  
18 THE CREDIT OF THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY FUND. THE FUND MAY  
19 RECEIVE MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE AS APPROPRIATED BY THE  
20 LEGISLATURE. THE MONEY IN THE FUND, AFTER DEDUCTING THE ADMINIS-  
21 TRATIVE COSTS TO THE STATE, SHALL, UPON APPROPRIATION, BE USED TO  
22 ASSIST IN GREAT LAKES PROTECTION EFFORTS SUCH AS COMBINED SEWER  
23 OVERFLOWS AND NONPOINT SOURCES OF WATER POLLUTION.

24 (5) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY REGISTRA-  
25 TION PERMIT TO A PERSON WHO SUBMITS AN APPLICATION AND THE PROPER  
26 PAYMENTS FOR A GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY PLATE, IF THE  
27 APPLICANT'S CURRENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION WILL EXPIRE BEFORE HIS

1 OR HER RECEIPT OF A GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY PLATE. THE  
2 TEMPORARY REGISTRATION SHALL EXPIRE UPON RECEIPT OF A GREAT LAKES  
3 WATER QUALITY PLATE OR 60 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE, WHICHEVER  
4 OCCURS FIRST. THE TEMPORARY PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A  
5 SEPARATE FEE.