

HOUSE BILL No. 5056

September 20, 2001, Introduced by Rep. Switalski and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 2000 PA 36.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 226. (1) A vehicle registration issued by the secre-
2 tary of state expires on the LAST DAY OF THE owner's ~~birthday,~~
3 BIRTH MONTH unless another expiration date is provided for under
4 this act or unless the registration is for the following vehi-
5 cles, in which case registration expires on the last day of
6 February:

7 (a) A commercial vehicle except for a commercial vehicle
8 issued a registration under the international registration plan
9 or a pickup truck or van owned by an individual.

10 (b) Except for a trailer or semitrailer issued a
11 registration under the international registration plan, a trailer

1 or semitrailer owned by a business, corporation, or person other
2 than an individual; or a pole trailer.

3 (2) The expiration date for a registration issued for a
4 motorcycle is March 31.

5 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the let-
6 ters "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

7 (4) In the case of a vehicle owned by a business, corpora-
8 tion, or an owner other than an individual, the secretary of
9 state may assign or reassign the expiration date of the
10 registration.

11 (5) The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

12 (a) After the October 1 immediately preceding the year des-
13 ignated on the registration, issue a registration upon applica-
14 tion and payment of the proper fee for a commercial vehicle,
15 other than a pickup or van owned by an individual; or a trailer
16 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an
17 individual.

18 (b) Beginning 60 days before the expiration date assigned on
19 an international registration plan registration plate, issue a
20 registration under section 801g upon application and payment of
21 the proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in
22 interstate commerce.

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

26 (d) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday and 120
27 days before the expiration date assigned by the secretary of

1 state, issue a registration for a vehicle other than those
2 designated in subsection (1)(a) or (b). However, if an owner
3 whose registration period begins 45 days before his or her birth-
4 day will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately pre-
5 ceding expiration of a registration or for other good cause shown
6 cannot apply for a renewal registration within the 45-day period,
7 application for a renewal registration may be made not more than
8 6 months before expiration.

9 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
10 secretary of state, upon application and payment of the proper
11 fee, shall issue a registration for a vehicle to a resident that
12 shall expire on the LAST DAY OF THE owner's ~~birthday~~ BIRTH
13 MONTH. If the owner's next birthday is at least 6 months but not
14 more than 12 months in the future, the owner shall receive a reg-
15 istration valid until the LAST DAY OF THE owner's next ~~birthday~~
16 BIRTH MONTH. If the owner's next birthday is less than 6 months
17 in the future, the owner shall receive a registration valid until
18 the LAST DAY OF THE owner's ~~birthday~~ BIRTH MONTH following the
19 owner's next birthday. The tax required under this act for a
20 registration described in this subsection shall bear the same
21 relationship to the tax required under section 801 for a 12-month
22 registration as the length of time of the registration bears to
23 12 months. Partial months shall be considered as whole months in
24 the calculation of the required tax and in the determination of
25 the length of time between the application for a registration and
26 the owner's next birthday. The tax required for that

1 registration shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in
2 section 801.

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

6 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue spe-
7 cial registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months
8 after the date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds
9 \$50.00, on the payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a
10 service charge as enumerated in section 802(1).

11 (9) The secretary of state may issue a special registration
12 for each of the following:

13 (a) A new vehicle purchased outside of this state and deliv-
14 ered in this state to the purchaser by the manufacturer of that
15 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a certi-
16 fication is made that the vehicle will be primarily used, stored,
17 and registered outside of this state and will not be returned to
18 this state by the purchaser for use or storage.

19 (b) A vehicle purchased in this state and delivered to the
20 purchaser by a dealer or by the owner of the vehicle for removal
21 to a place outside of this state, if a certification is made that
22 the vehicle will be primarily used, stored, and registered out-
23 side of this state and will not be returned to this state by the
24 purchaser for use or storage.

25 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is
26 valid for not more than 14 days after the date of issuance, and a
27 fee shall be collected for each special registration as provided

1 in section 802(3). The special registration may be in the form
2 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail
3 sale of a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified and eligible to
4 obtain a special registration, the dealer shall apply for the
5 special registration for the purchaser. If a person other than a
6 dealer sells a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified and eligi-
7 ble to obtain a special registration, the purchaser shall appear
8 in person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's power of
9 attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a
10 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or that
11 the person has granted the power of attorney, together with other
12 forms required for the issuance of the special registration and
13 provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is
14 covered by a Michigan no-fault insurance policy issued pursuant
15 to section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL
16 500.3101, or proof that the vehicle is covered by a policy of
17 insurance issued by an insurer pursuant to section 3163 of the
18 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3163. The certifi-
19 cation required in this subsection shall contain all of the
20 following:

- 21 (a) The address of the purchaser.
- 22 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased for registra-
23 tion outside of this state.
- 24 (c) A statement that the vehicle shall be primarily used,
25 stored, and registered outside of this state.
- 26 (d) The name of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is to
27 be registered.

(e) Other information desired by the secretary of state.

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

(12) In the case of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer issued a registration under the international registration plan, the secretary of state in mutual agreement with the owner may assign or reassign the expiration date of the registration. However, the expiration date agreed to shall be either March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31. Renewals expiring on or after September 30, 1993 shall be for a minimum of at least 12 months if there is a change in the established expiration date.

(13) The expiration date for a multiyear registration issued for a leased vehicle shall be the date the lease expires but shall not be for a period longer than 24 months.