

HOUSE BILL No. 5679

February 19, 2002, Introduced by Rep. Rich Brown and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 217a (MCL 257.217a), as amended by 1988
PA 419.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 217a. (1) A person who holds an unexpired technician
2 CLASS, TECHNICIAN PLUS CLASS, general CLASS, ~~conditional,~~
3 advanced OPERATOR CLASS, or AMATEUR extra OPERATOR class amateur
4 radio license issued by the federal communications commission may
5 ~~make application~~ APPLY directly to the secretary of state for a
6 registration plate inscribed with the official amateur radio call
7 letters of the applicant as assigned by the federal communica-
8 tions commission. THE PLATE SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "AMATEUR RADIO
9 OPERATOR" INSCRIBED BENEATH THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

(2) AN APPLICANT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) MAY, UPON PAYMENT OF THE REGISTRATION FEE, RECEIVE 2 IDENTICAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR 2 DIFFERENT VEHICLES OWNED BY THE APPLICANT.

(3) ~~-(2)-~~ The applicant shall prove to the satisfaction of the secretary of state that the applicant holds an unexpired amateur radio license. In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall pay a service fee of \$2.00. ~~The~~ IF AN APPLICANT APPLIES FOR AN IDENTICAL PLATE, AS AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (2), AN ADDITIONAL \$2.00 FEE SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR THAT PLATE. EACH \$2.00 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~~ 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660. A plate may be issued for a motor vehicle which bears a registration issued pursuant to section 801(1)(a) and (q).

(4) ~~-(3)-~~ If a plate issued under this section is used on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate was issued, the owner of the plate is guilty of a misdemeanor and the registration plate shall be surrendered to the secretary of state. A holder of a plate whose amateur radio license is not in full force and effect immediately shall surrender the call letter plate to the secretary of state and obtain a regular registration plate.

(5) ~~-(4)-~~ An application for a plate issued under this section shall be submitted to the secretary of state ~~pursuant~~

1 ~~to~~ UNDER section 217. The expiration date for plates issued
2 under this section shall be the date determined ~~pursuant to~~
3 UNDER section 226.