

HOUSE BILL No. 4450

March 25, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Hoogendyk, Shaffer, Vander Veen, Sheen, Brandenburg, Caswell, Voorhees, Pastor, LaJoy, Acciavatti, Amos and Robertson and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 803b (MCL 257.803b), as amended by 1996 PA
142.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

1 be a duplication of another registration plate.

2 (2) An application for a personalized registration plate
3 shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to section
4 217. Application for an original personalized registration plate
5 shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for
6 the first month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month
7 of the registration period in addition to the regular vehicle
8 registration fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be
9 obtained by requesting that option on the application and paying
10 an additional service fee of \$5.00. Application for the renewal
11 of a personalized registration plate shall be accompanied with
12 payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to the regular
13 vehicle registration fee. The service fee shall be credited to
14 the Michigan transportation fund; and, after deduction of
15 manufacturing and administrative costs, the service fee shall be
16 allocated pursuant to section 10 of ~~Act No. 51 of the Public~~
17 ~~Acts of 1951, being section 247.660 of the Michigan Compiled~~
18 ~~Laws 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660.~~ The amount allocated to the state
19 trunk line fund shall be used by the state transportation
20 department for litter pickup and cleanup on state roads and
21 rights of way.

22 (3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate
23 shall be pursuant to section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal
24 of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may
25 issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of
26 expiration. Upon the renewal of a personalized registration
27 plate, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for

1 the rear plate designating the next expiration date of the
2 plate. Upon renewal, the secretary of state shall not issue the
3 owner a new exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate
4 is illegible and the owner pays the service fee and registration
5 fee for an original personalized registration plate.

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

11 (5) **An applicant who applies for a registration plate under**
12 **section 217d, 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, or 803o is**
13 **eligible to request, and the secretary of state may issue, the**
14 **registration plate with a sequence of letters and numbers**
15 **otherwise authorized under this section.**

16 (6) ~~—(5)—~~ The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit
17 to a person who has submitted an application and the proper fees
18 for a personalized plate if the applicant's vehicle registration
19 may expire prior to receipt of his or her personalized plate.
20 The temporary registration shall be valid for not more than 60
21 days after the date of issuance. The temporary permit shall be
22 issued without a fee.