

SENATE BILL No. 655

June 29, 2005, Introduced by Senators TOY, CROPSEY, JELINEK, BIRKHOLZ and BISHOP and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 224 (MCL 257.224), as amended by 1995 PA 129, and by adding section 224a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 224. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act
2 regarding tabs or stickers, upon registering a vehicle, the
3 secretary of state shall issue to the owner 1 registration plate.

4 (2) A registration plate shall display the registration number
5 assigned to the vehicle for which the registration plate is issued;
6 the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and when the
7 registration plate expires, which may be shown by a tab or sticker
8 furnished by the secretary of state.

1 (3) A registration plate issued for motor vehicles owned and
2 operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a
3 privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department; or a
4 nonpublic, nonprofit college or university of this state shall not
5 expire at any particular time but shall be renewed when the
6 registration plate is worn out or is illegible. This registration
7 plate shall be assigned upon proper application and payment of the
8 applicable fee and may be used on any eligible vehicle titled to
9 the applicant if a written record is kept of the vehicles upon
10 which the registration plate is used. The written record shall
11 state the time the registration plate is used on a particular
12 vehicle. The record shall be open to inspection by a law
13 enforcement officer or a representative of the secretary of state.

14 (4) A registration plate issued for a vehicle owned by the
15 civil air patrol as organized under ~~sections 1 to 8, chapter 527,~~
16 ~~60 Stat. 346 to 347, 36 U.S.C. 36 USC~~ 201 to 208; a vehicle owned
17 by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment for
18 providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; an emergency
19 support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and
20 operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable
21 organization; a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans
22 center; a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or
23 ship's body which is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and
24 used exclusively in parades and civic events; a vehicle owned and
25 operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a federally recognized
26 nonprofit conservation organization until December 31, 2000; a
27 motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior citizen center; and a

1 registration plate issued for buses including station wagons,
2 carryalls, or similarly constructed vehicles owned and operated by
3 a nonprofit parents' transportation corporation used for school
4 purposes, parochial school, society, church Sunday school, or other
5 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit
6 rehabilitation facility shall be issued upon proper application and
7 payment of the applicable fee provided in section 801(1)(g) or (h)
8 to the applicant for the vehicle identified in the application. The
9 vehicle shall be used exclusively for activities of the school or
10 organization and shall be designated by proper signs showing the
11 school or organization operating the vehicle. The registration
12 plate shall expire on December 31 in the fifth year following the
13 date of issuance. The registration plate may be transferred to
14 another vehicle upon proper application and payment of a \$10.00
15 transfer fee.

16 (5) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2006, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT
17 TRANSFER A STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION PLATE THAT IS 5 OR MORE
18 YEARS OLD OR ISSUE A REGISTRATION TAB OR STICKER FOR THAT LICENSE,
19 BUT SHALL REPLACE THE PLATE WITH A NEW STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION
20 PLATE THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT. IN ADDITION
21 TO THE REGISTRATION TAX REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 801, THE DEPARTMENT
22 SHALL CHARGE AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$5.00 FOR EACH STANDARD DESIGN
23 REGISTRATION PLATE THAT IS REPLACED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. THE
24 DEPARTMENT SHALL DEPOSIT FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IN
25 THE STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION PLATE REPLACEMENT FUND CREATED IN
26 SECTION 224A.

27 (6) ~~—(5)—~~ The registration plate and the required letters and

1 numerals on the registration plate shall be of sufficient size to
2 be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.
3 The secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the
4 month and year of expiration.

5 (7) ~~—(6)—~~ The secretary of state shall issue for every
6 passenger motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
7 registration plate as the type of registration plate issued for
8 private passenger vehicles.

9 (8) ~~—(7)—~~ A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public
10 highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate
11 other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the
12 secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for
13 nonresidents, and by assignment provided in subsection (3).

14 (9) ~~—(8)—~~ The registration plate displayed on a vehicle
15 registered on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the
16 elected gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.

17 **SEC. 224A. (1) THE STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION PLATE**
18 **REPLACEMENT FUND IS CREATED WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY.**

19 **(2) THE STATE TREASURER MAY RECEIVE MONEY OR OTHER ASSETS FROM**
20 **ANY SOURCE FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL**
21 **DIRECT THE INVESTMENT OF THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT**
22 **TO THE FUND INTEREST AND EARNINGS FROM FUND INVESTMENTS.**

23 **(3) MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL**
24 **REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND.**

25 **(4) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND,**
26 **UPON APPROPRIATION, ONLY TO COVER THE COSTS OF REPLACING AND**
27 **MANUFACTURING STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER SECTION**

1 224.