

HOUSE BILL No. 6084

December 9, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Howrylak and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 2012 PA 498.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 801. (1) The secretary of state shall collect the
2 following taxes at the time of registering a vehicle, which shall
3 exempt the vehicle from all other state and local taxation,
4 except the fees and taxes provided by law to be paid by certain
5 carriers operating motor vehicles and trailers under the motor
6 carrier act, 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.43; **EXCEPT** the taxes
7 imposed by the motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL
8 207.211 to 207.234; and except as otherwise provided by this act:

9 (a) For a motor vehicle, including a motor home, except as
10 otherwise provided, and a pickup truck or van that weighs ~~not~~
11 ~~more than~~ 8,000 pounds **OR LESS**, except as otherwise provided,

1 according to the following schedule of empty weights:

2	Empty weights	Tax
3	0 to 3,000 pounds.....	\$ 29.00
4	3,001 to 3,500 pounds.....	32.00
5	3,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	37.00
6	4,001 to 4,500 pounds.....	43.00
7	4,501 to 5,000 pounds.....	47.00
8	5,001 to 5,500 pounds.....	52.00
9	5,501 to 6,000 pounds.....	57.00
10	6,001 to 6,500 pounds.....	62.00
11	6,501 to 7,000 pounds.....	67.00
12	7,001 to 7,500 pounds.....	71.00
13	7,501 to 8,000 pounds.....	77.00
14	8,001 to 8,500 pounds.....	81.00
15	8,501 to 9,000 pounds.....	86.00
16	9,001 to 9,500 pounds.....	91.00
17	9,501 to 10,000 pounds.....	95.00
18	over 10,000 pounds.....	\$ 0.90 per 100 pounds
19		of empty weight

20 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed
 21 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the
 22 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that
 23 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year
 24 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar
 25 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar
 26 year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the
 27 calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall
 28 use the spring preliminary report of the United States department

1 of commerce or its successor agency. A van that is owned by an
2 individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who
3 transports a member of his or her household who uses a wheelchair
4 and for which registration plates are issued under section 803d
5 shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in
6 this subdivision.

7 (b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle, the tax
8 shall be assessed as provided in subdivision (l). A trailer coach
9 **THAT IS** not **SUBJECT TO TAXATION** under 1959 PA 243, MCL 125.1035
10 to 125.1043, ~~and while located on land otherwise assessable as~~
11 ~~real property under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206,~~
12 ~~MCL 211.1 to 211.155, if the trailer coach is used as a place of~~
13 ~~habitation, and whether or not permanently affixed to the soil,~~
14 is not exempt from real property taxes **IF THE TRAILER COACH IS**
15 **USED AS A PLACE OF HABITATION, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS PERMANENTLY**
16 **AFFIXED TO THE SOIL.**

17 (c) For a road tractor, modified agricultural vehicle,
18 truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer and used exclusively in
19 connection with a farming operation, including a farmer hauling
20 livestock or farm equipment for other farmers for remuneration in
21 kind or in labor, but not for money, or used for the
22 transportation of the farmer and the farmer's family, and not
23 used for hire, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the
24 road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. If the road tractor,
25 modified agricultural vehicle, truck, or truck tractor owned by a
26 farmer is also used for a nonfarming operation, the farmer is
27 subject to the highest registration tax applicable to the nonfarm

1 use of the vehicle but is not subject to more than 1 tax rate
2 under this act.

3 (d) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a
4 wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with the wood
5 harvesting operations or a truck used exclusively to haul milk
6 from the farm to the first point of delivery, 74 cents per 100
7 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck
8 tractor. A registration secured by payment of the tax prescribed
9 in this subdivision continues in full force and effect until the
10 regular expiration date of the registration. As used in this
11 subdivision:

12 (i) "Wood harvester" includes ~~the~~ ~~A~~ person ~~or persons~~ hauling
13 and transporting raw materials in the form produced at the
14 harvest site or hauling and transporting wood harvesting
15 equipment. Wood harvester does not include a person ~~or persons~~
16 whose primary activity is tree-trimming or landscaping.

17 (ii) "Wood harvesting equipment" includes all of the
18 following:

19 (A) A vehicle that directly harvests logs or timber,
20 including, but not limited to, a processor or a feller buncher.

21 (B) A vehicle that directly processes harvested logs or
22 timber, including, but not limited to, a slasher, delimeter,
23 processor, chipper, or saw table.

24 (C) A vehicle that directly processes harvested logs or
25 timber, including, but not limited to, a forwarder, grapple
26 skidder, or cable skidder.

27 (D) A vehicle that directly loads harvested logs or timber,

1 including, but not limited to, a knuckle-boom loader, front-end
2 loader, or forklift.

3 (E) A bulldozer or road grader being transported to a wood
4 harvesting site specifically for the purpose of building or
5 maintaining harvest site roads.

6 (iii) "Wood harvesting operations" does not include the
7 transportation of processed lumber, Christmas trees, or processed
8 firewood for a profit making venture.

9 (e) For a hearse or ambulance used exclusively by a licensed
10 funeral director in the general conduct of the licensee's funeral
11 business, including a hearse or ambulance whose owner is engaged
12 in the business of leasing or renting the hearse or ambulance to
13 others, \$1.17 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the hearse or
14 ambulance.

15 (f) For a vehicle owned and operated by this state, a state
16 institution, a municipality, a privately incorporated, nonprofit
17 volunteer fire department, or a nonpublic, nonprofit college or
18 university, \$5.00 per plate. A registration plate issued under
19 this subdivision expires on June 30 of the year in which new
20 registration plates are reissued for all vehicles by the
21 secretary of state.

22 (g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or
23 similarly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit
24 parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes,
25 parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other
26 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit
27 rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by

1 a senior citizen center, \$10.00, if the bus, station wagon,
2 carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle or motor vehicle is
3 designated by proper signs showing the organization operating the
4 vehicle.

5 (h) For a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used
6 to transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to
7 children at camp; for a vehicle owned by the civil air patrol, as
8 organized under 36 USC 40301 to 40307, \$10.00 per plate, if the
9 vehicle is designated by a proper sign showing the civil air
10 patrol's name; for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit
11 veterans center; for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit
12 recycling center or a federally recognized nonprofit conservation
13 organization; for a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a
14 locomotive or ship's body that is owned by a nonprofit veterans
15 organization and used exclusively in parades and civic events; or
16 for an emergency support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies
17 and owned and operated by a federally recognized nonprofit
18 charitable organization, \$10.00 per plate.

19 (i) For ~~each~~ ~~A~~ truck owned and operated free of charge by a
20 bona fide ecclesiastical or charitable corporation, or red cross,
21 girl scout, or boy scout organization, 65 cents per 100 pounds of
22 the empty weight of the truck.

23 (j) For ~~each~~ ~~A~~ truck ~~weighing~~ 8,000 pounds or less, and
24 not used to tow a vehicle, for ~~each~~ ~~A~~ privately owned truck used
25 to tow a trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved
26 in a profit making venture, and for ~~each~~ ~~A~~ vehicle designed and
27 used to tow a mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided

1 in subdivision (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the
 2 following schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

3	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
4	0 to 2,500 pounds.....	\$ 1.40
5	2,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	1.76
6	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
7	6,001 to 8,000 pounds.....	2.72
8	8,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	3.25
9	10,001 to 15,000 pounds.....	3.77
10	15,001 pounds and over.....	4.39

11 If the tax required under subdivision (p) for a vehicle of
 12 the same model year with the same list price as the vehicle for
 13 which registration is sought under this subdivision is more than
 14 the tax provided under ~~the preceding provisions of this~~
 15 subdivision for an identical vehicle, the tax required under this
 16 subdivision is not less than the tax required under subdivision
 17 (p) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list
 18 price.

19 (k) For ~~each~~ **A** truck weighing 8,000 pounds or less towing a
 20 trailer or any other combination of vehicles and for ~~each~~ **A** truck
 21 weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor or truck tractor,
 22 except as provided in subdivision (j) according to the following
 23 schedule of elected gross weights:

24	Elected gross weight	Tax
25	0 to 24,000 pounds.....	\$ 491.00
26	24,001 to 26,000 pounds.....	558.00

1	26,001 to 28,000 pounds.....	558.00
2	28,001 to 32,000 pounds.....	649.00
3	32,001 to 36,000 pounds.....	744.00
4	36,001 to 42,000 pounds.....	874.00
5	42,001 to 48,000 pounds.....	1,005.00
6	48,001 to 54,000 pounds.....	1,135.00
7	54,001 to 60,000 pounds.....	1,268.00
8	60,001 to 66,000 pounds.....	1,398.00
9	66,001 to 72,000 pounds.....	1,529.00
10	72,001 to 80,000 pounds.....	1,660.00
11	80,001 to 90,000 pounds.....	1,793.00
12	90,001 to 100,000 pounds.....	2,002.00
13	100,001 to 115,000 pounds.....	2,223.00
14	115,001 to 130,000 pounds.....	2,448.00
15	130,001 to 145,000 pounds.....	2,670.00
16	145,001 to 160,000 pounds.....	2,894.00
17	over 160,000 pounds.....	3,117.00

18 For each commercial vehicle registered under this
19 subdivision, \$15.00 shall be deposited in a truck safety fund to
20 be expended for the purposes prescribed in section 25 of 1951 PA
21 51, MCL 247.675.

22 If a truck **TRACTOR** or road tractor without trailer is leased
23 from an individual owner-operator, the lessee, whether a ~~person~~
24 **AN INDIVIDUAL**, firm, or corporation, shall pay ~~to the owner-~~
25 ~~operator~~ **60%** of the tax prescribed in this subdivision ~~for~~ **TO THE**
26 **OWNER-OPERATOR OF** the truck tractor or road tractor at the rate
27 of 1/12 for each month of the lease or arrangement in addition to
28 the compensation the owner-operator is entitled to for the rental
29 of his or her equipment.

1 (l) For ~~each~~**A** pole trailer, semitrailer, trailer coach, or
2 trailer, the tax shall be assessed according to the following
3 schedule of empty weights:

4	Empty weights	Tax
5	0 to 2,499 pounds.....	\$ 75.00
6	2,500 to 9,999 pounds.....	200.00
7	10,000 pounds and over.....	300.00

8 ~~The~~**A** registration plate issued under this subdivision
9 expires only when the secretary of state reissues a new
10 registration plate for all trailers. ~~Beginning October 1, 2005,~~
11 ~~if~~**IF** the secretary of state reissues a new registration plate
12 for all trailers, a person who has once paid the tax as increased
13 by 2003 PA 152 for a vehicle under this subdivision is not
14 required to pay the tax for that vehicle a second time, but is
15 required to pay only the cost of the reissued plate at the rate
16 provided in section 804(2) for a standard plate. A registration
17 plate issued under this subdivision is nontransferable.

18 (m) For ~~each~~**A** commercial vehicle used for the
19 transportation of passengers for hire except for a vehicle for
20 which a payment is made under 1960 PA 2, MCL 257.971 to 257.972,
21 according to the following schedule of empty weights:

22	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
23	0 to 4,000 pounds.....	\$ 1.76
24	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
25	6,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	2.72

1 10,001 pounds and over..... 3.25

2 (n) For ~~each~~ **A** motorcycle, \$23.00.

3 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed
4 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the
5 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that
6 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year
7 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar
8 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar
9 year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the
10 calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall
11 use the spring preliminary report of the United States department
12 of commerce or its successor agency.

13 ~~Beginning January 1, 1984, the registration tax for each~~
14 ~~motorcycle is increased by \$3.00. The \$3.00 increase is not part~~
15 ~~of the tax assessed under this subdivision for the purpose of the~~
16 ~~annual October 1 revisions but is in addition to the tax assessed~~
17 ~~as a result of the annual October 1 revisions. Beginning January~~
18 ~~1, 1984, \$3.00~~ **THREE DOLLARS** of each motorcycle fee shall be
19 placed in a motorcycle safety fund in the state treasury and
20 shall be used only for funding the motorcycle safety education
21 program as provided for under sections 312b and 811a.

22 (o) For ~~each~~ **A** truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road
23 tractor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or
24 part of a moving van in transporting household furniture and
25 household effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting
26 carnivals, at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross

1 weights in subdivision (k). ~~as modified by the operation of that~~
2 ~~subdivision.~~

3 (p) ~~After September 30, 1983, each A~~ motor vehicle of the
4 1984 or a subsequent model year as shown on the application
5 required under section 217 that has not been previously subject
6 to the tax rates of this section and that is of the motor vehicle
7 category otherwise subject to the tax schedule described in
8 subdivision (a), and ~~each A~~ low-speed vehicle according to the
9 following schedule based upon registration periods of 12 months:

10 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for the
11 first registration that is not a transfer registration under
12 section 809 and for the first registration after a transfer
13 registration under section 809, according to the following
14 schedule based on the vehicle's list price:

15	List Price		Tax
16	\$ 0 - \$ 6,000.00.....	\$	30.00
17	More than \$ 6,000.00 - \$ 7,000.00.....	\$	33.00
18	More than \$ 7,000.00 - \$ 8,000.00.....	\$	38.00
19	More than \$ 8,000.00 - \$ 9,000.00.....	\$	43.00
20	More than \$ 9,000.00 - \$ 10,000.00.....	\$	48.00
21	More than \$ 10,000.00 - \$ 11,000.00.....	\$	53.00
22	More than \$ 11,000.00 - \$ 12,000.00.....	\$	58.00
23	More than \$ 12,000.00 - \$ 13,000.00.....	\$	63.00
24	More than \$ 13,000.00 - \$ 14,000.00.....	\$	68.00
25	More than \$ 14,000.00 - \$ 15,000.00.....	\$	73.00
26	More than \$ 15,000.00 - \$ 16,000.00.....	\$	78.00
27	More than \$ 16,000.00 - \$ 17,000.00.....	\$	83.00
28	More than \$ 17,000.00 - \$ 18,000.00.....	\$	88.00

1	More than \$ 18,000.00 - \$ 19,000.00.....	\$ 93.00
2	More than \$ 19,000.00 - \$ 20,000.00.....	\$ 98.00
3	More than \$ 20,000.00 - \$ 21,000.00.....	\$ 103.00
4	More than \$ 21,000.00 - \$ 22,000.00.....	\$ 108.00
5	More than \$ 22,000.00 - \$ 23,000.00.....	\$ 113.00
6	More than \$ 23,000.00 - \$ 24,000.00.....	\$ 118.00
7	More than \$ 24,000.00 - \$ 25,000.00.....	\$ 123.00
8	More than \$ 25,000.00 - \$ 26,000.00.....	\$ 128.00
9	More than \$ 26,000.00 - \$ 27,000.00.....	\$ 133.00
10	More than \$ 27,000.00 - \$ 28,000.00.....	\$ 138.00
11	More than \$ 28,000.00 - \$ 29,000.00.....	\$ 143.00
12	More than \$ 29,000.00 - \$ 30,000.00.....	\$ 148.00

13 More than \$30,000.00, the tax of \$148.00 is increased by
 14 \$5.00 for each \$1,000.00 increment or fraction of a \$1,000.00
 15 increment over \$30,000.00. If a current tax increases or
 16 decreases as a result of 1998 PA 384, only a vehicle purchased or
 17 transferred after January 1, 1999 shall be assessed the increased
 18 or decreased tax.

19 (ii) For the second registration, 90% of the tax assessed
 20 under subparagraph (i).

21 (iii) For the third registration, 90% of the tax assessed
 22 under subparagraph (ii).

23 (iv) For the fourth ~~and subsequent~~ **THROUGH SIXTH**
 24 registrations, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (iii).

25 **(v) FOR THE SEVENTH THROUGH NINTH REGISTRATIONS, 85% OF THE**
 26 **TAX ASSESSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (iv) .**

27 **(vi) FOR THE TENTH AND SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATIONS, 80% OF THE**
 28 **TAX ASSESSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (v) .**

1 For a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that
2 has been previously registered by a person other than the person
3 applying for registration or ~~for a vehicle of the 1984 or a~~
4 ~~subsequent model year~~ that has been previously registered in
5 another state or country and is registered for the first time in
6 this state, the tax under this subdivision shall be determined by
7 subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the calendar year
8 for which the registration is sought. If the result is zero or a
9 negative figure, the first registration tax shall be paid. If the
10 result is 1, 2, or 3 or more, then, respectively, the second,
11 third, or subsequent registration tax shall be paid. A van that
12 is owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an
13 individual who transports a member of his or her household who
14 uses a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued
15 under section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the
16 tax provided for in this subdivision.

17 (q) For a wrecker, \$200.00.

18 (r) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this
19 act, a computation that does not result in a whole dollar figure
20 shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar when the
21 computation results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and
22 shall be rounded to the next higher whole dollar when the
23 computation results in a figure ending in 51 cents or more,
24 unless specific taxes are specified. ~~and the~~ **THE** secretary of
25 state may accept the manufacturer's shipping weight of the
26 vehicle fully equipped for the use for which the registration
27 application is made. If the weight **OF THE VEHICLE** is not

1 correctly stated or is not satisfactory, the secretary of state
2 shall determine the actual weight. ~~Each application~~ **AN APPLICANT**
3 for registration of a vehicle under subdivisions (j) and (m)
4 shall ~~have attached~~ **ATTACH** to the application a scale weight
5 receipt of the vehicle fully equipped as of the time the
6 application is made. The scale weight receipt is not necessary if
7 ~~there is presented~~ **THE APPLICANT PRESENTS** with the application a
8 registration receipt of the previous year that shows on its face
9 the weight of the motor vehicle as registered with the secretary
10 of state and that is accompanied by a statement of the applicant
11 that there has not been a structural change in the motor vehicle
12 that has increased the weight and that the previous registered
13 weight is the true weight.

14 (2) A manufacturer is not exempted under this act from
15 paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond, except on
16 the specified number of motor vehicles registered. A dealer is
17 exempt from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond.

18 (3) Until October 1, 2015, the tax for a vehicle with an
19 empty weight over 10,000 pounds imposed under subsection (1)(a)
20 and the taxes imposed under subsection (1)(c), (d), (e), (f),
21 (i), (j), (m), (o), and (p) are each increased as follows:

22 (a) A regulatory fee of \$2.25 that shall be credited to the
23 traffic law enforcement and safety fund created in section 819a
24 and used to regulate highway safety.

25 (b) A fee of \$5.75 that shall be credited to the
26 transportation administration collection fund created in section
27 810b.

1 (4) If a tax required to be paid under this section is not
2 received by the secretary of state on or before the expiration
3 date of the registration plate, the secretary of state shall
4 collect a late fee of \$10.00 for each registration renewed after
5 the expiration date. An application for a renewal of a
6 registration using the regular mail and postmarked before the
7 expiration date of that registration shall not be assessed a late
8 fee. The late fee collected under this subsection shall be
9 deposited into the general fund.

10 (5) In addition to the registration taxes under this
11 section, the secretary of state shall collect taxes charged under
12 section 801j and credit revenues to a regional transit authority
13 created under the regional transit authority act, **2012 PA 387,**
14 **MCL 125.541 TO 124.558,** minus necessary collection expenses as
15 provided in section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of
16 1963. Necessary collection expenses incurred by the secretary of
17 state under this subsection shall be based upon an established
18 cost allocation methodology.

19 (6) This section does not apply to a historic vehicle.

20 (7) As used in this section:

21 (a) "Gross proceeds" means that term as defined in section 1
22 of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51, and
23 includes the value of the motor vehicle used as part payment of
24 the purchase price as that value is agreed to by the parties to
25 the sale, as evidenced by the signed agreement executed under
26 section 251.

27 (b) "List price" means the manufacturer's suggested base

1 list price as published by the secretary of state, or the
2 manufacturer's suggested retail price as shown on the label
3 required to be affixed to the vehicle under 15 USC 1232, if the
4 secretary of state has not at the time of the sale of the vehicle
5 published a manufacturer's suggested retail price for that
6 vehicle, or the purchase price of the vehicle if the
7 manufacturer's suggested base list price is unavailable from the
8 sources described in this subdivision.

9 (c) "Purchase price" means the gross proceeds received by
10 the seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle
11 being registered.