

SENATE BILL No. 515

September 24, 2015, Introduced by Senator ROBERTSON and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 2015 PA 78.

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, except
4 the fees and taxes provided by law to be paid by certain carriers
5 operating motor vehicles and trailers under the motor carrier act,
6 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.42; the taxes imposed by the motor
7 carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211 to 207.234; and
8 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 more

1 than 8,000 pounds, except as otherwise provided, according to the
 2 following schedule of empty weights:

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

21 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed
 22 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the
 23 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that
 24 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year
 25 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar
 26 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar

1 year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the
2 calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall
3 use the spring preliminary report of the United States ~~department~~
4 ~~of commerce~~ **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE** or its successor agency. A van
5 that is owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an
6 individual who transports a member of his or her household who uses
7 a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under
8 section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax
9 provided for in this subdivision.

10 (b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle, the tax
11 shall be assessed as provided in subdivision (l). A trailer coach
12 not under 1959 PA 243, MCL 125.1035 to 125.1043, and while located
13 on land otherwise assessable as real property under the general
14 property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155, if the trailer
15 coach is used as a place of habitation, and whether or not
16 permanently affixed to the soil, is not exempt from real property
17 taxes.

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

1 registration tax applicable to the nonfarm use of the vehicle but
2 is not subject to more than 1 tax rate 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 from
6 the farm to the first point of delivery, 74 cents per 100 pounds of
7 empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. A
8 registration secured by payment of the tax prescribed in this
9 subdivision continues in full force and effect until the regular
10 expiration date of the registration. As used in this subdivision:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (D) A vehicle that directly loads harvested logs or timber,
27 including, but not limited to, a knuckle-boom loader, front-end

1 loader, or forklift.

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

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

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

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

21 (g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or
22 similarly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit
23 parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes,
24 parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other
25 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit
26 rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by a
27 senior citizen center, \$10.00, if the bus, station wagon, carryall,

1 or similarly constructed vehicle or motor vehicle is designated by
2 proper signs showing the organization operating the vehicle.

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

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

21 (j) For each truck, weighing 8,000 pounds or less, and not
22 used to tow a vehicle, for each privately owned truck used to tow a
23 trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved in a profit
24 making venture, and for each vehicle designed and used to tow a
25 mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided in subdivision
26 (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the following
27 schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
1		
2	0 to 2,500 pounds.....	\$ 1.40
3	2,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	1.76
4	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
5	6,001 to 8,000 pounds.....	2.72
6	8,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	3.25
7	10,001 to 15,000 pounds.....	3.77
8	15,001 pounds and over.....	4.39

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

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

	Elected gross weight	Tax
21		
22	0 to 24,000 pounds.....	\$ 491.00
23	24,001 to 26,000 pounds.....	558.00
24	26,001 to 28,000 pounds.....	558.00
25	28,001 to 32,000 pounds.....	649.00
26	32,001 to 36,000 pounds.....	744.00

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

15 For each commercial vehicle registered under this subdivision,
16 \$15.00 shall be deposited in a truck safety fund to be expended as
17 provided in section 25 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.675.

18 If a truck tractor or road tractor without trailer is leased
19 from an individual owner-operator, the lessee, whether an
20 individual, firm, or corporation, shall pay to the owner-operator
21 60% of the tax prescribed in this subdivision for the truck tractor
22 or road tractor at the rate of 1/12 for each month of the lease or
23 arrangement in addition to the compensation the owner-operator is
24 entitled to for the rental of his or her equipment.

25 (1) For each pole trailer, semitrailer, trailer coach, or
26 trailer, the tax shall be assessed according to the following
27 schedule of empty weights:

1	Empty weights	Tax
2	0 to 2,499 pounds.....	\$ 75.00
3	2,500 to 9,999 pounds.....	200.00
4	10,000 pounds and over.....	300.00

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

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

19	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
20	0 to 4,000 pounds.....	\$ 1.76
21	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
22	6,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	2.72
23	10,001 pounds and over.....	3.25

24 (n) For each motorcycle, \$23.00.

25 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed
26 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the

1 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that
2 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year
3 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar
4 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar
5 year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the
6 calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall
7 use the spring preliminary report of the United States ~~department~~
8 ~~of commerce~~ **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE** or its successor agency.

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

18 (o) For each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road
19 tractor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or part
20 of a moving van in transporting household furniture and household
21 effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting carnivals,
22 at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross weights in
23 subdivision (k) as modified by the operation of that subdivision.

24 (p) After September 30, 1983, each motor vehicle of the 1984
25 or a subsequent model year as shown on the application required
26 under section 217 that has not been previously subject to the tax
27 rates of this section and that is of the motor vehicle category

1 otherwise subject to the tax schedule described in subdivision (a),
 2 and each low-speed vehicle according to the following schedule
 3 based upon registration periods of 12 months:

4 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for the
 5 first registration that is not a transfer registration under
 6 section 809 and for the first registration after a transfer
 7 registration under section 809, according to the following schedule
 8 based on the vehicle's list price:

9	List Price	Tax
10	\$ 0 - \$ 6,000.00.....	\$ 30.00
11	More than \$ 6,000.00 - \$ 7,000.00.....	\$ 33.00
12	More than \$ 7,000.00 - \$ 8,000.00.....	\$ 38.00
13	More than \$ 8,000.00 - \$ 9,000.00.....	\$ 43.00
14	More than \$ 9,000.00 - \$ 10,000.00.....	\$ 48.00
15	More than \$ 10,000.00 - \$ 11,000.00.....	\$ 53.00
16	More than \$ 11,000.00 - \$ 12,000.00.....	\$ 58.00
17	More than \$ 12,000.00 - \$ 13,000.00.....	\$ 63.00
18	More than \$ 13,000.00 - \$ 14,000.00.....	\$ 68.00
19	More than \$ 14,000.00 - \$ 15,000.00.....	\$ 73.00
20	More than \$ 15,000.00 - \$ 16,000.00.....	\$ 78.00
21	More than \$ 16,000.00 - \$ 17,000.00.....	\$ 83.00
22	More than \$ 17,000.00 - \$ 18,000.00.....	\$ 88.00
23	More than \$ 18,000.00 - \$ 19,000.00.....	\$ 93.00
24	More than \$ 19,000.00 - \$ 20,000.00.....	\$ 98.00
25	More than \$ 20,000.00 - \$ 21,000.00.....	\$ 103.00
26	More than \$ 21,000.00 - \$ 22,000.00.....	\$ 108.00
27	More than \$ 22,000.00 - \$ 23,000.00.....	\$ 113.00

1	More than \$ 23,000.00 - \$ 24,000.00.....	\$ 118.00
2	More than \$ 24,000.00 - \$ 25,000.00.....	\$ 123.00
3	More than \$ 25,000.00 - \$ 26,000.00.....	\$ 128.00
4	More than \$ 26,000.00 - \$ 27,000.00.....	\$ 133.00
5	More than \$ 27,000.00 - \$ 28,000.00.....	\$ 138.00
6	More than \$ 28,000.00 - \$ 29,000.00.....	\$ 143.00
7	More than \$ 29,000.00 - \$ 30,000.00.....	\$ 148.00

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

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

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

18 (iv) For the fourth and subsequent registrations, 90% of the
19 tax assessed under subparagraph (iii).

20 For a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has
21 been previously registered by a person other than the person
22 applying for registration or for a vehicle of the 1984 or a
23 subsequent model year that has been previously registered in
24 another state or country and is registered for the first time in
25 this state, the tax under this subdivision shall be determined by
26 subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the calendar year
27 for which the registration is sought. If the result is zero or a

1 negative figure, the first registration tax shall be paid. If the
2 result is 1, 2, or 3 or more, then, respectively, the second,
3 third, or subsequent registration tax shall be paid. A van that is
4 owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual
5 who transports a member of his or her household who uses a
6 wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under
7 section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax
8 provided for in this subdivision.

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

10 (r) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this act,
11 a computation that does not result in a whole dollar figure shall
12 be rounded to the next lower whole dollar when the computation
13 results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and shall be rounded
14 to the next higher whole dollar when the computation results in a
15 figure ending in 51 cents or more, unless specific taxes are
16 specified, and the secretary of state may accept the manufacturer's
17 shipping weight of the vehicle fully equipped for the use for which
18 the registration application is made. If the weight is not
19 correctly stated or is not satisfactory, the secretary of state
20 shall determine the actual weight. Each application for
21 registration of a vehicle under subdivisions (j) and (m) shall have
22 attached to the application a scale weight receipt of the vehicle
23 fully equipped as of the time the application is made. The scale
24 weight receipt is not necessary if there is presented with the
25 application a registration receipt of the previous year that shows
26 on its face the weight of the motor vehicle as registered with the
27 secretary of state and that is accompanied by a statement of the

1 applicant that there has not been a structural change in the motor
2 vehicle that has increased the weight and that the previous
3 registered weight is the true weight.

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

8 (3) Until October 1, 2019, the tax for a vehicle with an empty
9 weight over 10,000 pounds imposed under subsection (1)(a) and the
10 taxes imposed under subsection (1)(c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j),
11 (m), (o), and (p) are each increased as follows:

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

15 (b) A fee of \$5.75 that shall be credited to the
16 transportation administration collection fund created in section
17 810b.

18 (4) ~~If~~**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, IF** a
19 tax required to be paid under this section is not received by the
20 secretary of state on or before the expiration date of the
21 registration plate, the secretary of state shall collect a late fee
22 of \$10.00 for each registration renewed after the expiration date.
23 An application for a renewal of a registration using the regular
24 mail and postmarked before the expiration date of that registration
25 shall not be assessed a late fee. The late fee collected under this
26 subsection shall be deposited into the general fund. **THE SECRETARY**
27 **OF STATE SHALL WAIVE THE LATE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION**

1 IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE SATISFIED:

2 (A) THE REGISTRANT PRESENTS PROOF OF STORAGE INSURANCE FOR THE
3 VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE LATE FEE IS ASSESSED THAT IS VALID FOR THE
4 PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE MOST RECENT
5 REGISTRATION AND THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL.

6 (B) THE REGISTRANT REQUESTS IN PERSON AT A DEPARTMENT OF STATE
7 BRANCH OFFICE THAT THE LATE FEE BE WAIVED AT THE TIME OF
8 APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL.

9 (5) In addition to the registration taxes under this section,
10 the secretary of state shall collect taxes charged under section
11 801j and credit revenues to a regional transit authority created
12 under the regional transit authority act, 2012 PA 387, MCL 124.541
13 to 124.558, minus necessary collection expenses as provided in
14 section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.
15 Necessary collection expenses incurred by the secretary of state
16 under this subsection shall be based upon an established cost
17 allocation methodology.

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

19 (7) As used in this section:

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

25 (b) "List price" means the manufacturer's suggested base list
26 price as published by the secretary of state, or the manufacturer's
27 suggested retail price as shown on the label required to be affixed

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

6 (c) "Purchase price" means the gross proceeds received by the
7 seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle being
8 registered.

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
10 after the date it is enacted into law.