

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 878**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 244 (MCL 257.244), as amended by 2013 PA 231.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 244. (1) A manufacturer owning a vehicle ~~of a type~~
2 otherwise required to be registered under this act may operate or
3 move the vehicle ~~upon~~**on** a street or highway primarily for the
4 purposes of transporting or testing or in connection with a golf
5 tournament or a public civic event, if the vehicle displays, ~~in the~~
6 ~~manner~~**as** prescribed ~~in~~**under** section 225, 1 special plate approved
7 by the secretary of state.

8 (2) A producer of a vehicle subcomponent system essential to
9 the operation of the vehicle or the safety of an occupant may



1 operate or move a motor vehicle ~~upon~~**on** a street or highway solely
2 to transport or test the subcomponent system if the motor vehicle
3 displays, ~~in the manner~~**as** prescribed ~~in~~**under** section 225, 1
4 special plate approved by the secretary of state. To be eligible
5 for the special plate, the subcomponent system producer must be
6 either a recognized subcomponent system producer or must be a
7 subcomponent system producer under contract with a vehicle
8 manufacturer.

9 (3) Subject to section 665, a manufacturer of automated
10 technology may operate or otherwise move a motor vehicle or an
11 automated motor vehicle ~~upon~~**on** a street or highway solely to
12 transport or test automated technology if the motor vehicle or
13 automated motor vehicle displays, ~~in the manner~~**as** prescribed ~~in~~
14 **under** section 225, a special plate approved by the secretary of
15 state.

16 (4) A dealer owning a vehicle ~~of a type~~ otherwise required to
17 be registered under this act may operate or move the vehicle ~~upon~~
18 **on** a street or highway without registering the vehicle if the
19 vehicle displays, ~~in the manner~~**as** prescribed ~~in~~**under** section 225,
20 1 special plate issued to the owner by the secretary of state. As
21 used in this subsection, "dealer" includes an employee, servant, or
22 agent of the dealer.

23 (5) **A vehicle that has been donated or loaned by a licensed**
24 **new motor vehicle dealer for use in a golf tournament, charity**
25 **event, or public civic event may be operated during preparation for**
26 **and during the event with a temporary civic event license plate.**

27 (6) **Subject to all of the following requirements, the**
28 **secretary of state may issue a temporary civic license plate on**
29 **application by a licensed new motor vehicle dealer that donates or**



1 loans a vehicle under subsection (5) in a form and manner
2 prescribed by the department before the event:

3 (a) The licensed new motor vehicle dealer must provide in the
4 dealer's application for a temporary civic license plate the name
5 of the event for which the motor vehicle will be used, the date and
6 duration of the event, the number of vehicles to be loaned or
7 donated, the anticipated vehicle identification number or numbers,
8 and any other information required by the department. The
9 application must be accompanied by a \$10.00 fee for each temporary
10 civic event license plate for which the licensed new motor vehicle
11 dealer has applied.

12 (b) Any motor vehicle bearing a temporary civic event license
13 plate authorized under this subsection is restricted to providing
14 services for events for which approval by the department is
15 granted. The approved services may include parades, transportation
16 of visitors or dignitaries to and from event activities, use by
17 event personnel or event volunteers, and any other activity for
18 which a vehicle may be required in furtherance of the approved
19 event.

20 (c) The use of a temporary civic event license plate is
21 limited to the time set forth in the approved application. When the
22 temporary civic event license plate expires, the licensed new motor
23 vehicle dealer shall remove and destroy the temporary plate.

24 (7) ~~(5) Solely to deliver the vehicle, a~~ transporter may
25 operate or move a vehicle ~~of a type~~ otherwise required to be
26 registered under this act ~~upon~~ on a street or highway **solely to**
27 **deliver the vehicle** if the vehicle displays, ~~in the manner as~~
28 prescribed ~~in~~ **under** section 225, a special plate issued to the
29 transporter under this chapter.



1 (8) ~~(6)~~—A licensee shall not use a special plate described in
 2 this section on service cars or wreckers operated as an adjunct of
 3 a licensee's business. A manufacturer, transporter, or dealer
 4 making or permitting any unauthorized use of a special plate under
 5 this chapter forfeits the right to use special plates and the
 6 secretary of state, after notice and a hearing, may suspend or
 7 cancel the right to use special plates and require that the special
 8 plates be surrendered to or repossessed by ~~the~~**this** state.

9 (9) ~~(7)~~—A transporter shall furnish a sufficient surety bond
 10 or policy of insurance as protection for public liability and
 11 property damage as may be required by the secretary of state.

12 (10) ~~(8)~~—The secretary of state shall determine the number of
 13 plates a manufacturer, dealer, or transporter reasonably needs in
 14 ~~his or her~~**its** business.

15 (11) ~~(9)~~—If a vehicle that is required to be registered under
 16 this act is leased or sold, the vendee or lessee ~~is permitted to~~
 17 **may** operate the vehicle ~~upon~~**on** a street or highway for not more
 18 than 72 hours after taking possession if the vehicle has a dealer
 19 plate attached as provided ~~in~~**under** this section. The application
 20 for registration ~~shall~~**must** be made in the name of the vendee or
 21 lessee before the vehicle is used. The dealer and the vendee or
 22 lessee are jointly responsible for the return of the dealer plate
 23 to the dealer within 72 hours. ~~, and the failure of the~~**The** vendee
 24 or lessee **that fails** to return or the vendor or lessor **that fails**
 25 to use due diligence to procure the dealer plate is **guilty of** a
 26 misdemeanor, and ~~in addition~~ the license of the dealer may be
 27 revoked. While using a dealer's plate, a vendee or lessee shall
 28 have in ~~his or her~~**the vendee's or lessee's** possession proof that
 29 clearly indicates the date of sale or lease of the motor vehicle.



1 (12) ~~(10)~~—A vehicle owned by a dealer and bearing the dealer's
2 plate may be driven ~~upon~~**on** a street or highway for demonstration
3 purposes by a prospective buyer or lessee for a period of 72 hours.

4 (13) ~~(11)~~—The secretary of state may issue a registration
5 plate upon application and payment of the proper fee to an
6 individual, partnership, corporation, or association that in the
7 ordinary course of business has occasion to legally pick up or
8 deliver a commercial motor vehicle being driven to a facility to
9 undergo aftermarket modification, or to repair or service a
10 vehicle, or to persons defined as watercraft dealers under part 801
11 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
12 451, MCL 324.80101 to 324.80199, or to the owner of a marina ~~for~~
13 ~~the purpose of delivering~~ **to deliver** a vessel or trailer to a
14 purchaser, to transport a vessel between a body of water and a
15 place of storage, to transport a vessel or trailer to and from a
16 boat show or exposition, to repair, service, or store a vessel or
17 trailer, or to return a vessel or trailer to the customer after
18 repair, service, or storage. A registration plate issued under this
19 subsection ~~shall~~**must** be used to move the vehicle or trailer.

