

# SENATE BILL NO. 716

February 07, 2024, Introduced by Senators KLINEFELT, SHINK and MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 803a and 803b (MCL 257.803a and 257.803b), section 803a as amended by 1996 PA 404 and section 803b as amended by 2023 PA 129.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 803a. (1) The secretary of state may issue to the owner  
2 of ~~an~~**a** historic vehicle ~~an~~**a** historic vehicle registration plate  
3 ~~which shall bear~~**that bears** the inscription "historical vehicle -

1 Michigan" and the registration number.

2 (2) The owner of ~~an~~**a** historic vehicle applying for ~~an~~**a**  
3 historic vehicle registration plate or a ~~registration tab renewal~~  
4 **of a historic vehicle registration plate** under this section shall  
5 ~~pay~~**do all of the following:**

6 (a) **Pay** a fee of **either** \$30.00 ~~, shall certify or,~~ **for a**  
7 **personalized plate under section 803b, \$150.00, as applicable.**

8 (b) **Certify** that the vehicle for which the registration is  
9 requested is owned and operated solely as ~~an~~**a** historic vehicle. ~~7~~  
10 ~~and shall certify~~

11 (c) **Certify** that the vehicle has been inspected and found safe  
12 to operate on the highways of this state.

13 (3) ~~The~~**A** registration certificate **for a historic vehicle** need  
14 not specify the weight of the historic vehicle.

15 (4) ~~The~~**A** registration issued under this section is  
16 transferable to another historic vehicle upon completion of the  
17 application for transfer and payment of the fee in the manner  
18 described in section 809.

19 (5) ~~(3)~~**A** registration issued under this section ~~shall expire~~  
20 **expires** on April 15 in the tenth year following the date of  
21 issuance of the registration.

22 (6) ~~(4)~~The secretary of state may revoke a registration  
23 issued under this section, for cause shown and after a hearing, for  
24 failure of the applicant to comply with this section, for use of  
25 the vehicle for which the registration was issued for purposes  
26 other than those enumerated in section 20a, or because the vehicle  
27 is not safe to operate on the highways of this state.

28 Sec. 803b. (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personalized  
29 vehicle registration plate that must be used on the passenger motor

1 vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor home, hearse, bus,  
2 trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is issued instead of  
3 a standard plate. Personalized plates must bear letters and numbers  
4 as the secretary of state prescribes. The personalized plates must  
5 be made of the same material as standard plates. A personalized  
6 plate must not duplicate another registration plate.

7 (2) An application for a personalized registration plate must  
8 be submitted to the secretary of state under section 217.

9 Application for an original personalized registration plate must be  
10 accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for the first  
11 month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month of the  
12 registration period in addition to the regular vehicle registration  
13 fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be obtained by  
14 requesting that option on the application and paying an additional  
15 service fee of \$5.00. The original and duplicate service fees must  
16 be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund  
17 created in section 810b through October 1, 2027. Application for  
18 the renewal of a personalized registration plate must be  
19 accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to  
20 the regular vehicle registration fee. The service fee must be  
21 credited to the Michigan transportation fund established under, and  
22 must be allocated as prescribed under, section 10 of 1951 PA 51,  
23 MCL 247.660. The amount allocated to the state trunk line fund  
24 established under section 11 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.661, must be  
25 used by the state transportation department for litter pickup and  
26 cleanup on state roads and rights-of-way.

27 (3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate  
28 is as prescribed under section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal of  
29 a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may issue

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

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

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

19 (6) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a  
20 person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a  
21 personalized registration plate if the applicant's vehicle  
22 registration may expire before receipt of the applicant's  
23 personalized registration plate. The temporary registration is  
24 valid for not more than 60 days after the date of issuance. The  
25 temporary permit must be issued without a fee.

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 1 year  
27 after the date it is enacted into law.