

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 507**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending sections 1a, 216, 217, 226, 255, 301, 306, 306a, 309,  
312f, 312k, 314, 801k, and 811 (MCL 257.1a, 257.216, 257.217,  
257.226, 257.255, 257.301, 257.306, 257.306a, 257.309, 257.312f,  
257.312k, 257.314, 257.801k, and 257.811), sections 216, 226, 255,  
301, 306, 309, 312f, 312k, 314, and 801k as amended by 2020 PA 304,  
section 217 as amended by 2014 PA 290, section 306a as amended by  
2020 PA 376, and section 811 as amended by 2006 PA 589, and by  
adding section 205a.

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

- 1       Sec. 1a. **As used in this act:**
- 2       **(a)** "Accessory" means any accessory, equipment, additional



1 part or replacement part for a vehicle for which a certificate of  
2 title is required to be issued under this act.

3 (b) "Adequate in-person services" means a minimum of 25 hours  
4 a week of in-person services, without the requirement of an  
5 appointment, on each week a secretary of state branch office is  
6 open for services in this state.

7 Sec. 205a. Within 30 days after the effective date of the  
8 amendatory act that added this section, the department shall  
9 provide a written report to the senate majority leader, the speaker  
10 of the house of representatives, and the chairpersons of the senate  
11 and house of representatives appropriations committees detailing  
12 the department's plan to reopen all secretary of state's branches  
13 to the general public for in-person services, without the  
14 requirement of an appointment. The written report must include, but  
15 is not limited to, all of the following:

16 (a) The number of staff that will return to in-person work.

17 (b) The manner in which the department will transition  
18 returning staff back to in-person work.

19 (c) The manner in which the department will notify members of  
20 the public that secretary of state's branches are open for in-  
21 person services, without the requirement of an appointment.

22 (d) How the department will prioritize customers who were  
23 unable to renew essential documents beginning March 24, 2020, due  
24 to the closing of the secretary of state's branches and appointment  
25 only policy.

26 (e) The department's plans to ensure the safety of the staff  
27 and customers in reopened secretary of state's branches.

28 (f) Details on hours of operation for reopened secretary of  
29 state's branches.



1           **(g) How the department will utilize the use of kiosks and**  
2           **other automated services at reopened secretary of state's branches.**

3           Sec. 216. (1) Every motor vehicle, recreational vehicle,  
4           trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, when driven or moved on a  
5           street or highway, is subject to the registration and certificate  
6           of title provisions of this act except the following:

7           (a) A vehicle driven or moved on a street or highway in  
8           conformance with the provisions of this act relating to  
9           manufacturers, transporters, dealers, or nonresidents.

10          (b) A vehicle that is driven or moved on a street or highway  
11          only for the purpose of crossing that street or highway from 1  
12          property to another.

13          (c) An implement of husbandry.

14          (d) Special mobile equipment. The secretary of state may issue  
15          a special registration to an individual, partnership, corporation,  
16          or association not licensed as a dealer that pays the required fee,  
17          to identify special mobile equipment that is driven or moved on a  
18          street or highway.

19          (e) A vehicle that is propelled exclusively by electric power  
20          obtained from overhead trolley wires though not operated on rails.

21          (f) Any vehicle subject to registration, but owned by the  
22          government of the United States.

23          (g) A certificate of title is not required for a trailer,  
24          semitrailer, or pole trailer that weighs less than 2,500 pounds.

25          (h) A vehicle driven or moved on a street or highway, by the  
26          most direct route, only for the purpose of securing a scale weight  
27          receipt from a weighmaster for purposes of section 801 or obtaining  
28          a vehicle inspection by a law enforcement agency before titling or  
29          registration of that vehicle.



1 (i) A certificate of title is not required for a vehicle owned  
2 by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale or lease, even though  
3 incidentally moved on a street or highway or used for purposes of  
4 testing or demonstration.

5 (j) A bus or a school bus that is not self-propelled and is  
6 used exclusively as a construction shanty.

7 (k) A certificate of title is not required for a moped.

8 (l) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), for 3 days  
9 immediately following the date of a properly assigned title or  
10 signed lease agreement from any person other than a dealer, a  
11 registration is not required for a vehicle driven or moved on a  
12 street or highway for the sole purpose of transporting the vehicle  
13 by the most direct route from the place of purchase or lease to a  
14 place of storage if the driver has in his or her possession the  
15 assigned title showing the date of sale or a lease agreement  
16 showing the date of the lease.

17 (m) A certificate of registration is not required for a pickup  
18 camper, but a certificate of title is required.

19 (n) A new motor vehicle driven or moved on a street or highway  
20 only for the purpose of moving the vehicle from an accident site to  
21 a storage location if the vehicle was being transported on a  
22 railroad car or semitrailer that was involved in a disabling  
23 accident.

24 (o) A boat lift used for transporting vessels between a marina  
25 or a body of water and a place of inland storage.

26 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a  
27 registration issued to a motor vehicle, recreational vehicle,  
28 trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, when driven or moved on a  
29 street or highway, that expires on or after March 1, 2020 is valid



1   until March 31, 2021. **Except as otherwise provided in this**  
2   **subsection, a registration issued to a motor vehicle, recreational**  
3   **vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, when driven or**  
4   **moved on a street or highway, that expires after March 31, 2021 but**  
5   **before July 1, 2021, is valid until 90 days after the date of the**  
6   **expiration.** If the registration issued to a motor vehicle,  
7   recreational vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, when  
8   driven or moved on a street or highway, that is used for commercial  
9   purposes expires on or after March 1, 2020, the registration is  
10   valid until March 31, 2021. **If the registration issued to a motor**  
11   **vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole**  
12   **trailer, when driven or moved on a street or highway, that is used**  
13   **for commercial purposes expires after March 31, 2021 but before**  
14   **July 1, 2021, the registration is valid until 90 days after the**  
15   **date of the expiration.**

16       (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
17   until March 31, 2021, a properly assigned title or signed lease  
18   agreement from any person other than a dealer is considered proof  
19   of registration of the vehicle.

20       Sec. 217. (1) An owner of a vehicle that is subject to  
21   registration under this act shall apply to the secretary of state,  
22   ~~upon~~**on** an appropriate form furnished by the secretary of state,  
23   for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of a certificate  
24   of title for the vehicle. A vehicle brought into this state from  
25   another state or jurisdiction that has a rebuilt, salvage, scrap,  
26   flood, or comparable certificate of title issued by that other  
27   state or jurisdiction ~~shall~~**must** be issued a rebuilt, salvage,  
28   scrap, or flood certificate of title by the secretary of state. The  
29   application ~~shall~~**must** be accompanied by the required fee. An



1 application for a certificate of title ~~shall~~**must** bear the  
2 signature or verification and certification of the owner. The  
3 application ~~shall~~**must** contain all of the following:

4 (a) The owner's name, the owner's bona fide residence, and  
5 either of the following:

6 (i) If the owner is an individual, the owner's mailing address.

7 (ii) If the owner is a firm, association, partnership, limited  
8 liability company, or corporation, the owner's business address.

9 (b) A description of the vehicle including the make or name,  
10 style of body, and model year; the number of miles, not including  
11 the tenths of a mile, registered on the vehicle's odometer at the  
12 time of transfer; whether the vehicle is a flood vehicle or another  
13 state previously issued the vehicle a flood certificate of title;  
14 whether the vehicle is to be or has been used as a taxi or police  
15 vehicle, or by a political subdivision of this state, unless the  
16 vehicle is owned by a dealer and loaned or leased to a political  
17 subdivision of this state for use as a driver education vehicle;  
18 whether the vehicle has previously been issued a salvage or rebuilt  
19 certificate of title from this state or a comparable certificate of  
20 title from any other state or jurisdiction; vehicle identification  
21 number; and the vehicle's weight fully equipped, if a passenger  
22 vehicle registered in accordance with section 801(1)(a), and, if a  
23 trailer coach or pickup camper, in addition to the weight, the  
24 manufacturer's serial number, or in the absence of the serial  
25 number, a number assigned by the secretary of state. A number  
26 assigned by the secretary of state shall be permanently placed on  
27 the trailer coach or pickup camper in the manner and place  
28 designated by the secretary of state.

29 (c) A statement of the applicant's title and the names and



1 addresses of the holders of security interests in the vehicle and  
2 in an accessory to the vehicle, in the order of their priority.

3 (d) Further information that the secretary of state reasonably  
4 requires to enable the secretary of state to determine whether the  
5 vehicle is lawfully entitled to registration and the owner entitled  
6 to a certificate of title. If the secretary of state is not  
7 satisfied as to the ownership of a vehicle having a value over  
8 \$2,500.00 or that is less than 10 years old, before registering the  
9 vehicle and issuing a certificate of title, the secretary of state  
10 may require the applicant to file a properly executed surety bond  
11 in a form prescribed by the secretary of state and executed by the  
12 applicant and a company authorized to conduct a surety business in  
13 this state. The bond ~~shall~~**must** be in an amount equal to twice the  
14 value of the vehicle as determined by the secretary of state and  
15 shall be conditioned to indemnify or reimburse the secretary of  
16 state, any prior owner, and any subsequent purchaser or lessee of  
17 the vehicle and their successors in interest against any expense,  
18 loss, or damage, including reasonable ~~attorney's~~**attorney** fees, ~~by~~  
19 ~~reason~~**because** of the issuance of a certificate of title for the  
20 vehicle or on account of any defect in the right, title, or  
21 interest of the applicant in the vehicle. An interested person has  
22 a right of action to recover on the bond for a breach of the  
23 conditions of the bond, but the aggregate liability of the surety  
24 to all persons ~~shall~~**must** not exceed the amount of the bond. If the  
25 secretary of state is not satisfied as to the ownership of a  
26 vehicle that is valued at \$2,500.00 or less and that is 10 years  
27 old or older, the secretary of state shall require the applicant to  
28 certify that the applicant is the owner of the vehicle and entitled  
29 to register and title the vehicle.



1 (e) Except as provided in subdivision (f), an application for  
2 a commercial vehicle shall also have attached a scale weight  
3 receipt of the motor vehicle fully equipped as of the time the  
4 application is made. A scale weight receipt is not necessary if  
5 there is presented with the application a registration receipt of  
6 the previous year that shows on its face the empty weight of the  
7 motor vehicle as registered with the secretary of state that is  
8 accompanied by a statement of the applicant that there has not been  
9 structural change in the motor vehicle that has increased the empty  
10 weight and that the previous registered weight is the true weight.

11 (f) An application for registration of a vehicle on the basis  
12 of elected gross weight ~~shall~~**must** include a declaration by the  
13 applicant specifying the elected gross weight for which application  
14 is being made.

15 (g) If the application is for a certificate of title of a  
16 motor vehicle registered in accordance with section 801(1)(p), the  
17 application ~~shall~~**must** include the manufacturer's suggested base  
18 list price for the model year of the vehicle. The base list price  
19 ~~shall~~**must** be the manufacturer's suggested retail price as shown on  
20 the label required to be affixed to the vehicle under 15 USC 1232.  
21 If the manufacturer's suggested retail price is unavailable, the  
22 application ~~shall~~**must** list the purchase price of the vehicle. **As**  
23 **used in this subdivision, "purchase price" means that term as**  
24 **defined in section 801.**

25 (2) An applicant for registration of a leased pickup truck or  
26 passenger vehicle that is subject to registration under this act,  
27 except a vehicle that is subject to a registration fee under  
28 section 801g, shall disclose in writing to the secretary of state  
29 the lessee's name, the lessee's bona fide residence, and either of





1 the following:

2 (a) If the lessee is an individual, the lessee's Michigan  
3 driver license number or Michigan personal identification number  
4 or, if the lessee does not have a Michigan driver license or  
5 Michigan personal identification number, the lessee's mailing  
6 address.

7 (b) If the lessee is a firm, association, partnership, limited  
8 liability company, or corporation, the lessee's business address.

9 (3) The secretary of state shall maintain the information  
10 described in subsection (2) on the secretary of state's computer  
11 records.

12 (4) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~**subsections** (5), (11),  
13 **and (12)**, a dealer selling, leasing, or exchanging vehicles  
14 required to be titled, within 15 days after delivering a vehicle to  
15 the purchaser or lessee, and a person engaged in the sale of  
16 vessels required to be numbered by part 801 of the natural  
17 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
18 324.80101 to 324.80199, within 15 days after delivering a boat  
19 trailer weighing less than 2,500 pounds to the purchaser or lessee,  
20 shall apply to the secretary of state for a new title, if required,  
21 and transfer or secure registration plates and secure a certificate  
22 of registration for the vehicle or boat trailer, in the name of the  
23 purchaser or lessee. ~~The~~**Subject to subsection (11), the** dealer's  
24 license may be suspended or revoked in accordance with section 249  
25 for failure to apply for a title when required or for failure to  
26 transfer or secure registration plates and certificate of  
27 registration within the 15 days required by this section. ~~If~~  
28 **Subject to subsection (11), if** the dealer or person fails to apply  
29 for a title when required, and to transfer or secure registration



1 plates and secure a certificate of registration and pay the  
2 required fees within 15 days of delivery of the vehicle or boat  
3 trailer, a title and registration for the vehicle or boat trailer  
4 may subsequently be acquired only ~~upon~~**on** the payment of a late  
5 transfer fee of \$15.00 for an individual or a dealer other than a  
6 dealer subject to section 235b in addition to the fees specified in  
7 section 806. ~~For~~**Subject to subsection (11), for** a used or  
8 secondhand vehicle dealer subject to section 235b, the late  
9 transfer fee is \$100.00 in addition to the fees specified in  
10 section 806. The purchaser or lessee of the vehicle or the  
11 purchaser of the boat trailer shall sign the application,  
12 including, if applicable, the declaration specifying the maximum  
13 elected gross weight as required by subsection (1)(f), and other  
14 necessary papers to enable the dealer or person to secure the  
15 title, registration plates, and transfers from the secretary of  
16 state. If the secretary of state mails or delivers a purchaser's  
17 certificate of title to a dealer, the dealer shall mail or deliver  
18 the certificate of title to the purchaser not more than 5 days  
19 after receiving the certificate of title from the secretary of  
20 state. However, as provided under section 238, the secretary of  
21 state is not required to issue a title to the owner of a vehicle or  
22 lienholder if the title is subject to a security interest.

23 (5) ~~A~~**Except as provided in subsection (12), a** dealer selling  
24 or exchanging an off lease or buy back vehicle shall apply to the  
25 secretary of state for a new title for the vehicle within 15 days  
26 after it receives the certificate of title from the lessor or  
27 manufacturer under section 235 or section 235b and transfer or  
28 secure registration plates and secure a certificate of registration  
29 for the vehicle in the name of the purchaser. ~~The~~**Subject to**



1    **subsection (12), the** dealer's license may be suspended or revoked  
2    in accordance with section 249 for failure to apply for a title  
3    when required or for failure to transfer or secure registration  
4    plates and certificate of registration within the 15-day period. ~~If~~  
5    **Subject to subsection (12), if** the dealer or person fails to apply  
6    for a title when required, and to transfer or secure registration  
7    plates and secure a certificate of registration and pay the  
8    required fees within the 15-day time period, a title and  
9    registration for the vehicle may subsequently be acquired only ~~upon~~  
10   **on** the payment of a late transfer fee of \$15.00 for an individual  
11   or dealer other than a used or secondhand vehicle dealer subject to  
12   section 235b in addition to the fees specified in section 806. ~~The~~  
13   **Subject to subsection (12), the** late transfer fee for a used or  
14   secondhand vehicle dealer subject to section 235b is \$100.00 in  
15   addition to the fees specified in section 806. The purchaser of the  
16   vehicle shall sign the application, including, if applicable, the  
17   declaration specifying the maximum elected gross weight as required  
18   by subsection (1)(f), and other necessary papers to enable the  
19   dealer or person to secure the title, registration plates, and  
20   transfers from the secretary of state. If the secretary of state  
21   mails or delivers a purchaser's certificate of title to a dealer,  
22   the dealer shall mail or deliver the certificate of title to the  
23   purchaser not more than 5 days after receiving the certificate of  
24   title from the secretary of state. However, as provided under  
25   section 238, the secretary of state is not required to issue a  
26   title to the owner of a vehicle if the title is subject to a  
27   security interest.

28        (6) If a vehicle is delivered to a purchaser or lessee who has  
29   valid Michigan registration plates that are to be transferred to



1 the vehicle, and an application for title, if required, and  
 2 registration for the vehicle is not made before delivery of the  
 3 vehicle to the purchaser or lessee, the registration plates ~~shall~~  
 4 **must** be affixed to the vehicle immediately, and the dealer shall  
 5 provide the purchaser or lessee with an instrument in writing, on a  
 6 form prescribed by the secretary of state, which ~~shall serve~~ **serves**  
 7 as a temporary registration for the vehicle for a period of 15 days  
 8 from the date the vehicle is delivered.

9 (7) If the seller does not prepare the credit information,  
 10 contract note, and mortgage, and the holder, finance company,  
 11 credit union, or banking institution requires the installment  
 12 seller to record the lien on the title, the holder, finance  
 13 company, credit union, or banking institution shall pay the seller  
 14 a service fee of not more than \$10.00. The service fee ~~shall must~~  
 15 be paid from the finance charges and ~~shall must~~ not be charged to  
 16 the buyer in addition to the finance charges. The holder, finance  
 17 company, credit union, or banking institution ~~shall must~~ issue its  
 18 check or bank draft for the principal amount financed, payable  
 19 jointly to the buyer and seller, and ~~there shall be imprinted on~~  
 20 ~~the back side of the check or bank draft~~ the following **must be**  
 21 **imprinted on the back side of the check or bank draft:**

22 "Under Michigan law, the seller must record a first lien in  
 23 favor of (name of lender) \_\_\_\_\_ on the vehicle with  
 24 vehicle identification number \_\_\_\_\_ and title the vehicle  
 25 only in the name(s) shown on the reverse side."

26 (8) On the front of the check or draft described under  
 27 subsection (7), the holder, finance company, credit union, or  
 28 banking institution shall note the name or names of the prospective  
 29 owners. Failure of the holder, finance company, credit union, or



1 banking institution to comply with these requirements frees the  
2 seller from any obligation to record the lien or from any liability  
3 that may arise as a result of the failure to record the lien. A  
4 service fee ~~shall~~**must** not be charged to the buyer.

5 (9) In the absence of actual malice proved independently and  
6 not inferred from lack of probable cause, a person who in any  
7 manner causes a prosecution for larceny of a motor vehicle; for  
8 embezzlement of a motor vehicle; for any crime an element of which  
9 is the taking of a motor vehicle without authority; or for buying,  
10 receiving, possessing, leasing, or aiding in the concealment of a  
11 stolen, embezzled, or converted motor vehicle knowing that the  
12 motor vehicle has been stolen, embezzled, or converted, is not  
13 liable for damages in a civil action for causing the prosecution.  
14 This subsection does not relieve a person from proving any other  
15 element necessary to sustain his or her cause of action.

16 (10) Receipt by the secretary of state of a properly tendered  
17 application for a certificate of title on which a security interest  
18 in a vehicle is to be indicated is a condition of perfection of a  
19 security interest in the vehicle and is equivalent to filing a  
20 financing statement under the uniform commercial code, 1962 PA 174,  
21 MCL 440.1101 to 440.9994, with respect to the vehicle. When a  
22 security interest in a vehicle is perfected, it has priority over  
23 the rights of a lien creditor as lien creditor is defined in  
24 section 9102 of the uniform commercial code, 1962 PA 174, MCL  
25 440.9102.

26 (11) **Notwithstanding subsection (4), a dealer selling,**  
27 **leasing, or exchanging vehicles, required to be titled, after March**  
28 **31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021, may apply to the secretary of**  
29 **state for a new title, if required, and transfer or secure**



1 registration plates and secure a certificate of registration for  
2 the vehicle in the name of the purchaser within 30 days. Both of  
3 the following apply to a dealer that complies with this subsection:

4 (a) The dealer's license must not be suspended or revoked in  
5 accordance with section 249 for failure to apply for a title when  
6 required or for failure to transfer or secure registration plates  
7 and certificate of registration within the 15-day period required  
8 under subsection (4).

9 (b) The secretary of state shall not charge any applicable  
10 late fees required under subsection (4) and shall, upon the  
11 dealer's request, reimburse a late fee charged and collected after  
12 March 31, 2021 to the end of the period described under this  
13 subsection.

14 (12) Notwithstanding subsection (5), a dealer selling or  
15 exchanging an off lease or buy back vehicle after March 31, 2021  
16 but before July 1, 2021 may apply to the secretary of state for a  
17 new title for the vehicle within 30 days after the dealer receives  
18 the certificate of title from the lessor or manufacturer under  
19 section 235 or 235b and transfer or secure registration plates and  
20 secure a certificate of registration for the vehicle in the name of  
21 the purchaser. Both of the following apply to a dealer that  
22 complies with this subsection:

23 (a) The dealer's license must not be suspended or revoked in  
24 accordance with section 249 for failure to apply for a title when  
25 required or for failure to transfer or secure registration plates  
26 and certificate of registration within the 15-day period required  
27 under subsection (5).

28 (b) The secretary of state shall not charge any applicable  
29 late fees required under subsection (5) and shall, upon the



1 dealer's request, reimburse a late fee charged and collected after  
2 March 31, 2021 to the end of the period described under this  
3 subsection.

4 Sec. 226. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (13),  
5 a vehicle registration issued by the secretary of state expires on  
6 the owner's birthday, unless another expiration date is provided  
7 for under this act or unless the registration is for the following  
8 vehicles, in which case registration expires on the last day of  
9 February:

10 (a) A commercial vehicle except for a commercial vehicle  
11 issued a registration under the international registration plan or  
12 a pickup truck or van owned by an individual.

13 (b) Except for a trailer or semitrailer issued a registration  
14 under the international registration plan, a trailer or semitrailer  
15 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an  
16 individual; or a pole trailer.

17 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (13), the  
18 expiration date for a registration issued for a motorcycle is the  
19 motorcycle owner's birthday.

20 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the letters  
21 "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

22 (4) In the case of a vehicle owned by a business, corporation,  
23 or an owner other than an individual, the secretary of state may  
24 assign or reassign the expiration date of the registration.

25 (5) The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

26 (a) After the October 1 immediately preceding the year  
27 designated on the registration, issue a registration upon  
28 application and payment of the proper fee for a commercial vehicle,  
29 other than a pickup or van owned by an individual; or a trailer



1 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an  
2 individual.

3 (b) Beginning 60 days before the expiration date assigned on  
4 an international registration plan registration plate, issue a  
5 registration under section 801g upon application and payment of the  
6 proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in  
7 interstate commerce.

8 (c) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday and 120 days  
9 before the expiration date assigned by the secretary of state,  
10 issue a registration for a vehicle other than those designated in  
11 subsection (1)(a) or (b). However, if an owner whose registration  
12 period begins 45 days before his or her birthday will be out of the  
13 state during the 45 days immediately preceding expiration of a  
14 registration or for other good cause shown cannot apply for a  
15 renewal registration within the 45-day period, application for a  
16 renewal registration may be made not more than 6 months before  
17 expiration.

18 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
19 secretary of state, upon application and payment of the proper fee,  
20 shall issue a registration for a vehicle or a motorcycle to a  
21 resident that expires on the owner's birthday. If the owner's next  
22 birthday is at least 6 months but not more than 12 months in the  
23 future, the owner shall receive a registration valid until the  
24 owner's next birthday. If the owner's next birthday is less than 6  
25 months in the future, the owner shall receive a registration valid  
26 until the owner's birthday following the owner's next birthday. The  
27 tax required under this act for a registration described in this  
28 subsection is either of the following:

29 (a) For an original registration, the tax must bear the same





1 relationship to the tax required under section 801 for a 12-month  
2 registration as the length of the registration bears to 12 months.

3 (b) For a renewal of a registration, either of the following:

4 (i) For a registration that is for at least 6 months but not  
5 more than 12 months, the same amount as for 12 months.

6 (ii) For a renewal of a registration that is for more than 12  
7 months, 2 times the amount for 12 months.

8 Partial months must be considered as whole months in the  
9 calculation of the required tax and in the determination of the  
10 length of time between the application for a registration and the  
11 owner's next birthday. The tax required for that registration must  
12 be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in section 801.

13 (7) A certificate of title remains valid until canceled by the  
14 secretary of state for cause or upon a transfer of an interest  
15 shown on the certificate of title.

16 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue special  
17 registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months after the  
18 date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds \$50.00, on the  
19 payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a service charge as  
20 enumerated in section 802(1).

21 (9) The secretary of state may issue a special registration  
22 for each of the following:

23 (a) A new vehicle purchased or leased outside of this state  
24 and delivered in this state to the purchaser or lessee by the  
25 manufacturer of that vehicle for removal to a place outside of this  
26 state, if a certification is made that the vehicle will be  
27 primarily used, stored, and registered outside of this state and  
28 will not be returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for  
29 use or storage.



1 (b) A vehicle purchased or leased in this state and delivered  
2 to the purchaser or lessee by a dealer or by the owner of the  
3 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a  
4 certification is made that the vehicle will be primarily used,  
5 stored, and registered outside of this state and will not be  
6 returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for use or  
7 storage.

8 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is  
9 valid for not more than 30 days after the date of issuance, and a  
10 fee must be collected for each special registration as provided in  
11 section 802(3). The special registration may be in the form  
12 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail  
13 sale or lease of a vehicle to a purchaser or lessee who is  
14 qualified and eligible to obtain a special registration, the dealer  
15 shall apply for the special registration for the purchaser or  
16 lessee. If a person other than a dealer sells or leases a vehicle  
17 to a purchaser or lessee who is qualified and eligible to obtain a  
18 special registration, the purchaser or lessee shall appear in  
19 person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's or lessee's power  
20 of attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a  
21 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or lessee  
22 or that the person has granted the power of attorney, together with  
23 other forms required for the issuance of the special registration  
24 and provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is  
25 covered by an automobile insurance policy issued under section 3101  
26 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101, or proof  
27 that the vehicle is covered by a policy of insurance issued by an  
28 insurer under section 3163 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA  
29 218, MCL 500.3163. The certification required in this subsection



1 must contain all of the following:

2 (a) The address of the purchaser or lessee.

3 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased or leased for  
4 registration outside of this state.

5 (c) A statement that the vehicle must be primarily used,  
6 stored, and registered outside of this state.

7 (d) The name of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is to be  
8 registered.

9 (e) Other information requested by the secretary of state.

10 (11) In the case of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or  
11 semitrailer issued a registration under the international  
12 registration plan, the secretary of state in mutual agreement with  
13 the owner may assign or reassign the expiration date of the  
14 registration. However, the expiration date agreed to must be either  
15 March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31 or beginning on  
16 February 19, 2019, the last day of a calendar month. Renewals  
17 expiring on or after June 30, 2020 must be for a minimum of at  
18 least 12 months if there is a change in the established expiration  
19 date. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a  
20 commercial vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registration issued  
21 under this subsection that expires on or after March 1, 2020 is  
22 valid until March 31, 2021. **Notwithstanding the provisions of this**  
23 **subsection, a commercial vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer**  
24 **registration issued under this subsection that expires after March**  
25 **31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 is valid until 90 days after the**  
26 **date of the expiration.**

27 (12) The expiration date for a multiyear registration issued  
28 for a leased vehicle must be the date the lease expires but must  
29 not be for a period longer than 24 months.



1           (13) A vehicle registration described in subsection (1) or a  
2 motorcycle registration described in subsection (2) that expires on  
3 or after March 1, 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021. **A vehicle**  
4 **registration described in subsection (1) or a motorcycle**  
5 **registration described in subsection (2) that expires after March**  
6 **31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 is valid until 90 days after the**  
7 **date of the expiration.**

8           Sec. 255. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a  
9 person shall not operate, nor shall an owner knowingly permit to be  
10 operated, upon any highway, a vehicle required to be registered  
11 under this act unless, except as otherwise provided in this  
12 subsection, no later than 30 days after the vehicle is registered  
13 or the vehicle's registration is renewed, a valid registration  
14 plate issued for the vehicle by the department for the current  
15 registration year is attached to and displayed on the vehicle as  
16 required by this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, a  
17 printed or electronic copy of a valid registration or verification  
18 of a valid registration through the L.E.I.N. is proof that the  
19 vehicle is registered or that the vehicle's registration has been  
20 renewed. A registration plate is not required for a wrecked or  
21 disabled vehicle, or vehicle destined for repair or junking, that  
22 is being transported or drawn on a highway by a wrecker or a  
23 registered motor vehicle. The 30-day period described in this  
24 subsection does not apply to the first registration of a vehicle  
25 after a transfer of ownership or to a transfer registration under  
26 section 809.

27           (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who  
28 violates subsection (1) is responsible for a civil infraction.  
29 However, if the vehicle is a commercial vehicle that is required to



1 be registered according to the schedule of elected gross vehicle  
2 weights under section 801(1)(k), the person is guilty of a  
3 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or  
4 a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

5 (3) A person who operates a vehicle licensed under the  
6 international registration plan and does not have a valid  
7 registration due to nonpayment of the apportioned fee is guilty of  
8 a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90  
9 days, or by a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both. In addition,  
10 a police officer may impound the vehicle until a valid registration  
11 is obtained. If the vehicle is impounded, the towing and storage  
12 costs of the vehicle, and the care or preservation of the load in  
13 the vehicle are the owner's responsibility. Vehicles impounded are  
14 subject to a lien in the amount of the apportioned fee and any fine  
15 and costs incurred under this subsection, subject to a valid lien  
16 of prior record. If the apportioned fee, fine, and costs are not  
17 paid within 90 days after impoundment, then following a hearing  
18 before the judge or magistrate who imposed the fine and costs, the  
19 judge or magistrate shall certify the unpaid judgment to the  
20 prosecuting attorney of the county in which the violation occurred.  
21 The prosecuting attorney shall enforce the lien by foreclosure sale  
22 in accordance with the procedure authorized by law for chattel  
23 mortgage foreclosures.

24 (4) A noncommercial vehicle registration described in  
25 subsection (1) that expires on or after March 1, 2020 but is  
26 renewed on or before March 31, 2021 is not in violation of this  
27 section. **A noncommercial vehicle registration described in**  
28 **subsection (1) that expires after March 31, 2021 but before July 1,**  
29 **2021, but is renewed within 90 days after the date of the**



1 **expiration is not in violation of this section.** A commercial  
2 vehicle registration described in subsection (1) that expires on or  
3 after March 1, 2020 but is renewed on or before March 31, 2021 is  
4 not in violation of this section. **A commercial vehicle registration**  
5 **described in subsection (1) that expires after March 31, 2021 but**  
6 **before July 1, 2021, but is renewed within 90 days after the date**  
7 **of the expiration is not in violation of this section.**

8 Sec. 301. (1) Except as provided in this act, an individual  
9 shall not drive a motor vehicle on a highway in this state unless  
10 that individual has a valid operator's or chauffeur's license with  
11 the appropriate group designation and indorsements for the type or  
12 class of vehicle being driven or towed. A resident of this state  
13 holding a commercial driver license group indorsement issued by  
14 another state shall apply for a license transfer within 30 days  
15 after establishing domicile in this state.

16 (2) An individual shall not receive a license to operate a  
17 motor vehicle until that individual surrenders to the secretary of  
18 state all valid licenses to operate a motor vehicle issued to that  
19 individual by this or any state or certifies that he or she does  
20 not possess a valid license. The secretary of state shall notify  
21 the issuing state that the licensee is now licensed in this state.

22 (3) An individual shall not have more than 1 valid driver  
23 license.

24 (4) An individual shall not drive a motor vehicle as a  
25 chauffeur unless that individual holds a valid chauffeur's license.  
26 An individual shall not receive a chauffeur's license until that  
27 individual surrenders to the secretary of state a valid operator's  
28 or chauffeur's license issued to that individual by this or any  
29 state or certifies that he or she does not possess a valid license.



1 (5) An individual holding a valid chauffeur's license need not  
2 procure an operator's license.

3 (6) An operator's or chauffeur's license that expires on or  
4 after March 1, 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021. **An operator's or**  
5 **chauffeur's license that expires after March 31, 2021 but before**  
6 **July 1, 2021 is valid until 90 days after the date of the**  
7 **expiration.**

8 Sec. 306. (1) The secretary of state, on receiving an  
9 application for a temporary instruction permit from an individual  
10 who is 18 years of age or older, may issue that permit that  
11 entitles the applicant, while carrying the permit, to drive a motor  
12 vehicle other than a motor vehicle requiring an indorsement under  
13 section 312a or a vehicle group designation under section 312e on  
14 the highways for a period of 180 days when accompanied by a  
15 licensed adult operator or chauffeur who is actually occupying a  
16 seat beside the driver. A temporary instruction permit issued under  
17 this subsection that expires on or after March 1, 2020 is valid  
18 until March 31, 2021. **A temporary instruction permit issued under**  
19 **this subsection that expires after March 31, 2021 but before July**  
20 **1, 2021 is valid until 90 days after the date of the expiration.**

21 (2) The secretary of state may issue an original operator's  
22 license and designate level 1, 2, or 3 graduated licensing  
23 provisions to an individual who is less than 18 years of age, has  
24 been licensed in another state or country, and has satisfied the  
25 applicable requirements of section 310e. An original operator's  
26 license with a designated level 1, 2, or 3 graduated licensing  
27 provision issued under this subsection that expires on or after  
28 March 1, 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021. **An original operator's**  
29 **license with a designated level 1, 2, or 3 graduated licensing**



1 provision issued under this subsection that expires after March 31,  
2 2021 but before July 1, 2021 is valid until 90 days after the date  
3 of the expiration.

4 (3) A student enrolled in a driver education course as that  
5 term is defined in section 3 of the driver education provider and  
6 instructor act, 2006 PA 384, MCL 256.623, or a motorcycle safety  
7 course approved by the department of state may operate a motor  
8 vehicle that does not require a group designation under section  
9 312e without holding an operator's license or permit while under  
10 the direct supervision of the program instructor.

11 (4) A student enrolled in a driver education course as that  
12 term is defined in section 3 of the driver education provider and  
13 instructor act, 2006 PA 384, MCL 256.623, and who has successfully  
14 completed 10 hours of classroom instruction and the equivalent of 2  
15 hours of behind-the-wheel training may be issued a temporary driver  
16 education certificate furnished by the department of state that  
17 authorizes a student to drive a motor vehicle, other than a motor  
18 vehicle that requires an indorsement under section 312a or a  
19 vehicle group designation under section 312e, when accompanied by a  
20 licensed parent or guardian, or when accompanied by a nonlicensed  
21 parent or guardian and a licensed adult for the purpose of  
22 receiving additional instruction until the end of the student's  
23 driver education course. A temporary driver education certificate  
24 issued under this subsection that expires on or after March 1, 2020  
25 is valid until March 31, 2021. **A temporary driver education**  
26 **certificate issued under this subsection that expires after March**  
27 **31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 is valid until 90 days after the**  
28 **date of the expiration.**

29 (5) Beginning January 1, 2015, the secretary of state, on





1 receiving proper application from an individual 16 or 17 years of  
2 age who is enrolled in or has successfully completed an approved  
3 motorcycle safety course under section 811a, or an individual who  
4 is 18 years of age or older and who holds a valid operator's or  
5 chauffeur's license, may issue a motorcycle temporary instruction  
6 permit that entitles the applicant, while carrying the permit, to  
7 operate a motorcycle on the public streets and highways for a  
8 period of 180 days under the following conditions:

9 (a) The applicant shall operate the motorcycle under the  
10 constant visual supervision of a licensed motorcycle operator who  
11 is at least 18 years of age.

12 (b) The applicant shall not operate the motorcycle at night.

13 (c) The applicant shall not operate the motorcycle with a  
14 passenger.

15 (d) The applicant shall not be eligible for more than 2  
16 motorcycle temporary instruction permits in a 10-year period.

17 (6) A motorcycle temporary instruction permit issued under  
18 subsection (5) that expires on or after March 1, 2020 is valid  
19 until March 31, 2021. **A motorcycle temporary instruction permit**  
20 **issued under subsection (5) that expires after March 31, 2021 but**  
21 **before July 1, 2021 is valid until 90 days after the date of the**  
22 **expiration.**

23 Sec. 306a. (1) The secretary of state may issue a commercial  
24 learner's permit that entitles an individual to drive a vehicle  
25 requiring a vehicle group designation or indorsement under section  
26 312e if all of the following apply:

27 (a) The individual submits a proper application and meets the  
28 requirements of 49 CFR part 383.

29 (b) The individual is 18 years of age or older.



1 (c) The individual holds a valid operator's or chauffeur's  
2 license that is not a restricted license.

3 (d) The individual passes the knowledge tests for an original  
4 vehicle group designation or indorsement, as required by 49 CFR  
5 part 383.

6 (e) If the individual is applying for a hazardous materials  
7 endorsement, he or she has been approved for the hazardous  
8 materials endorsement by the Federal Transportation Security  
9 Administration.

10 (2) An individual issued a commercial learner's permit under  
11 subsection (1), or an equivalent commercial learner's permit issued  
12 by another jurisdiction, may operate a vehicle requiring a vehicle  
13 group designation or indorsement under section 312e, if all of the  
14 following apply:

15 (a) The individual has the permit and a valid operator's or  
16 chauffeur's license in his or her possession while operating the  
17 vehicle.

18 (b) The individual is accompanied by an instructor certified  
19 under the driver education provider and instructor act, 2006 PA  
20 384, MCL 256.621 to 256.705, or an adult with a valid operator's or  
21 chauffeur's license, and all of the following apply:

22 (i) The instructor or licensed adult has in his or her  
23 possession a valid license with a vehicle group designation and any  
24 indorsement necessary to operate the vehicle as provided in section  
25 312e.

26 (ii) The instructor or licensed adult is at all times  
27 physically present in the front seat of the vehicle next to the  
28 operator or, in the case of a passenger vehicle, directly behind  
29 the operator or in the first row behind the operator.



1           (iii) The instructor or licensed adult has the operator under  
2 observation and direct supervision.

3           (c) The individual shall not operate a vehicle transporting  
4 hazardous materials as defined in 49 CFR part 383.

5           (d) If the individual has a permit to operate a tank vehicle,  
6 the individual may only operate an empty tank vehicle and shall not  
7 operate any tank vehicle that previously contained hazardous  
8 materials unless the tank has been purged of all hazardous material  
9 residue.

10          (e) If the individual has a permit to operate a vehicle  
11 designed to carry 16 or more passengers or a school bus, the  
12 individual shall not operate a vehicle designed to carry 16 or more  
13 passengers or a school bus with any passengers other than the  
14 following individuals:

15           (i) The instructor or licensed adult described in this section.

16           (ii) Federal or state auditors or inspectors.

17           (iii) Test examiners.

18           (iv) Other trainees.

19          (3) ~~A-Beginning October 1, 2021, a~~ commercial learner's permit  
20 issued under this section is valid for 1 year from the date of  
21 issuance.

22          (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a commercial learner's  
23 permit issued under this section that expires on or after March 1,  
24 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021. **Notwithstanding subsection (3),**  
25 **a commercial learner's permit issued under this section that**  
26 **expires after March 31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 is valid until**  
27 **90 days after the date of the expiration.**

28          Sec. 309. (1) Before issuing a license, the secretary of state  
29 shall examine each applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's



1 license who at the time of the application is not the holder of a  
2 valid, unrevoked operator's or chauffeur's license under a law of  
3 this state providing for the licensing of drivers. Before the  
4 secretary of state authorizes an individual to administer vehicle  
5 group designation or endorsement knowledge tests, that individual  
6 must successfully complete both a state and Federal Bureau of  
7 Investigation fingerprint-based criminal history check or the  
8 equivalent through the department of state police. In all other  
9 cases, the secretary of state may waive the examination, except  
10 that an examination must not be waived if it appears from the  
11 application, from the apparent physical or mental condition of the  
12 applicant, or from any other information that has come to the  
13 secretary of state from another source, that the applicant does not  
14 possess the physical, mental, or other qualifications necessary to  
15 operate a motor vehicle in a manner as not to jeopardize the safety  
16 of persons or property, or that the applicant is not entitled to a  
17 license under section 303. A licensee who applies for the renewal  
18 of his or her license by mail under section 307 shall certify to  
19 his or her physical capability to operate a motor vehicle. The  
20 secretary of state may check the applicant's driving record through  
21 the National Driver Register and the Commercial Driver's License  
22 Information System before issuing a license under this section.

23 (2) The secretary of state may appoint sheriffs, their  
24 deputies, the chiefs of police of cities and villages that have  
25 organized police departments within this state, their duly  
26 authorized representatives, or employees of the secretary of state  
27 as examining officers for the purpose of examining applicants for  
28 operator's and chauffeur's licenses. An examining officer shall  
29 conduct examinations of applicants for operator's and chauffeur's



1 licenses in accordance with this chapter and the rules promulgated  
2 by the secretary of state under subsection (3). After conducting an  
3 examination an examining officer shall make a written report of his  
4 or her findings and recommendations to the secretary of state.

5 (3) The secretary of state shall promulgate rules under the  
6 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to  
7 24.328, for the examination of the applicant's physical and mental  
8 qualifications to operate a motor vehicle in a manner as not to  
9 jeopardize the safety of persons or property, and shall ascertain  
10 whether facts exist that would bar the issuance of a license under  
11 section 303. The secretary of state may consider a written medical  
12 report and recommendation submitted under section 5139 of the  
13 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.5139, from the personal  
14 physician or optometrist of an applicant, in making the examination  
15 regarding the applicant's physical and mental qualifications to  
16 operate a motor vehicle under this section and R 257.851 to R  
17 257.855 of the Michigan Administrative Code. A report received by  
18 the secretary of state from a physician or an optometrist under  
19 this section is confidential. The secretary of state shall also  
20 ascertain whether the applicant has sufficient knowledge of the  
21 English language to understand highway warnings or direction signs  
22 written in that language. The examination must not include  
23 investigation of facts other than those facts directly pertaining  
24 to the ability of the applicant to operate a motor vehicle with  
25 safety or facts declared to be prerequisite to the issuance of a  
26 license under this act.

27 (4) The secretary of state shall not issue an original  
28 operator's or chauffeur's license without a vehicle group  
29 designation or indorsement without an examination that includes a



1 driving skills test conducted by the secretary of state or by a  
2 designated examining officer under subsection (2) or section 310e.  
3 The secretary of state may enter into an agreement with another  
4 public or private corporation or agency to conduct a driving skills  
5 test conducted under this section. Before the secretary of state  
6 authorizes an individual to administer a corporation's or agency's  
7 driver skills testing operations or authorizes an examiner to  
8 conduct a driving skills test, that individual or examiner must  
9 successfully complete both a state and Federal Bureau of  
10 Investigation fingerprint-based criminal history check through the  
11 department of state police as required by law and as provided under  
12 49 CFR 384.228. In an agreement with another public or private  
13 corporation or agency to conduct a driving skills test, the  
14 secretary of state shall prescribe the method and examination  
15 criteria to be followed by the corporation, agency, or examiner  
16 when conducting the driving skills test and the form of the  
17 certification to be issued to an individual who satisfactorily  
18 completes a driving skills test. An original vehicle group  
19 designation or indorsement shall not be issued by the secretary of  
20 state without a knowledge test conducted by the secretary of state.  
21 Except as provided in section 312f(1), an original vehicle group  
22 designation or passenger or school bus indorsement must not be  
23 issued by the secretary of state without a driving skills test  
24 conducted by an examiner appointed or authorized by the secretary  
25 of state or an equivalent driving skills test meeting the  
26 requirements of 49 CFR part 383 conducted in another jurisdiction.

27 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the secretary of  
28 state may waive the requirement of a driving skills test, knowledge  
29 test, or road sign test of an applicant for an original operator's



1 or chauffeur's license without a vehicle group designation or  
2 indorsement who at the time of the application is the holder of a  
3 valid, unrevoked operator's or chauffeur's license issued by  
4 another state or country.

5 (6) A driving skills test conducted under this section must  
6 include a behind-the-wheel road test. Before conducting a behind-  
7 the-wheel road test for an applicant seeking a vehicle group  
8 designation, including any upgrade to a vehicle group designation,  
9 or for any indorsement required to operate a commercial motor  
10 vehicle, the examiner shall determine that the applicant was issued  
11 his or her commercial learner's permit not less than 14 days before  
12 the date of that test and that he or she has that permit in his or  
13 her possession.

14 (7) A person who corrupts or attempts to corrupt a designated  
15 examining officer appointed or designated by the secretary of state  
16 under this section or section 310e by giving, offering, or  
17 promising any gift or gratuity with the intent to influence the  
18 opinion or decision of the examining officer conducting the test is  
19 guilty of a felony.

20 (8) A designated examining officer appointed or designated by  
21 the secretary of state who conducts a driving skills test under an  
22 agreement entered into under this section or section 310e and who  
23 varies from, shortens, or in any other way changes the method or  
24 examination criteria prescribed in that agreement in conducting a  
25 driving skills test is guilty of a felony.

26 (9) A person who forges, counterfeits, or alters a  
27 satisfactorily completed driving skills test certification issued  
28 by a designated examining officer appointed or designated by the  
29 secretary of state under this section or section 310e is guilty of



1 a felony.

2 (10) The secretary of state shall waive the requirement of a  
3 written knowledge test, road sign test, and driving skills test of  
4 an applicant for an original motorcycle endorsement if the person  
5 has successfully passed a motorcycle safety course approved by the  
6 department as described in sections 811a and 811b.

7 (11) An operator's or chauffeur's license that expires on or  
8 after March 1, 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021. **An operator's or**  
9 **chauffeur's license that expires after March 31, 2021 but before**  
10 **July 1, 2021 is valid until 90 days after the date of the**  
11 **expiration.**

12 Sec. 312f. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
13 an individual shall be not less than 18 years of age before he or  
14 she is issued a vehicle group designation or indorsement, other  
15 than a motorcycle indorsement, or not less than 21 years of age and  
16 has been approved by the Transportation Security Administration for  
17 a hazardous material endorsement before he or she is issued a  
18 hazardous material endorsement on an operator's or chauffeur's  
19 license and, as provided in this section, the individual shall pass  
20 knowledge and driving skills tests that comply with minimum federal  
21 standards prescribed in 49 CFR part 383. The knowledge and skills  
22 test scores must be retained by the secretary of state as provided  
23 under 49 CFR 383.135. An individual who is 18 years of age or older  
24 operating a vehicle to be used for farming purposes only may obtain  
25 an A or B vehicle group designation or an F vehicle indorsement.  
26 Each written examination given an applicant for a vehicle group  
27 designation or indorsement must include subjects designed to cover  
28 the type or general class of vehicle to be operated. Except as  
29 follows, an individual shall pass an examination that includes a





1 driving skills test designed to test competency of the applicant  
2 for an original vehicle group designation and passenger indorsement  
3 on an operator's or chauffeur's license to drive that type or  
4 general class of vehicle upon the highways of this state with  
5 safety to persons and property:

6 (a) The secretary of state shall waive the driving skills test  
7 for an individual operating a vehicle that is used under the  
8 conditions described in section 312e(8)(a) to (d) unless the  
9 vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more  
10 on the power unit and is to be used to carry hazardous materials on  
11 which a placard is required under 49 CFR parts 100 to 199.

12 (b) The driving skills test may be waived if the applicant has  
13 a valid license with the appropriate vehicle group designation,  
14 passenger vehicle indorsement, or school bus indorsement in another  
15 state issued in compliance with 49 USC 31301 to 31317, or if the  
16 individual successfully passes a driving skills test administered  
17 in another state that meets the requirements of federal law and the  
18 law of this state.

19 (c) The secretary of state may waive the driving skills test  
20 required under this section for an individual with military  
21 commercial motor vehicle experience if the individual, at the time  
22 of application, certifies and provides evidence satisfactory to the  
23 secretary of state that he or she continuously met all of the  
24 requirements under 49 CFR part 383 during the 2-year period  
25 immediately preceding the date of application for the commercial  
26 driver license.

27 (2) Except for an individual who has held an operator's or  
28 chauffeur's license for less than 1 year, the secretary of state  
29 shall waive the knowledge test and the driving skills test and



1 issue a 1-year seasonal restricted vehicle group designation to an  
2 otherwise qualified applicant to operate a group B or a group C  
3 vehicle for a farm related service industry if all of the following  
4 conditions are met:

5 (a) The applicant meets the requirements of 49 CFR 383.77.

6 (b) The seasons for which the seasonal restricted vehicle  
7 group designation is issued are from April 2 to June 30 and from  
8 September 2 to November 30 only of a 12-month period or, at the  
9 option of the applicant, for not more than 180 days from the date  
10 of issuance in a 12-month period.

11 (c) The commercial motor vehicle for which the seasonal  
12 restricted vehicle group designation is issued must be operated  
13 only if all the following conditions are met:

14 (i) The commercial motor vehicle is operated only on routes  
15 within 150 miles from the place of business to the farm or farms  
16 being served.

17 (ii) The commercial motor vehicle does not transport a quantity  
18 of hazardous materials on which a placard under 49 CFR parts 100 to  
19 199 is required except for the following:

20 (A) Diesel motor fuel in quantities of 1,000 gallons or less.

21 (B) Liquid fertilizers in quantities of 3,000 gallons or less.

22 (C) Solid fertilizers that are not transported with any  
23 organic substance.

24 (iii) The commercial motor vehicle does not require the H, N, P,  
25 S, T, or X vehicle indorsement.

26 (3) A seasonal restricted vehicle group designation under this  
27 section must be issued, suspended, revoked, canceled, denied, or  
28 renewed in accordance with this act. The secretary of state may  
29 renew a seasonal restricted vehicle group designation 1 time per



1 calendar year regardless of whether the seasonal restricted vehicle  
2 group designation is expired at the time of renewal.

3 (4) The secretary of state may enter into an agreement with  
4 another public or private corporation or agency to conduct a  
5 driving skills test required under this section, section 312e, or  
6 49 CFR part 383. Before the secretary of state authorizes an  
7 individual to administer a corporation's or agency's driver skills  
8 testing operations or authorizes an examiner to conduct a driving  
9 skills test, that individual or examiner must complete both a state  
10 and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint-based criminal  
11 history check through the department of state police.

12 (5) The secretary of state shall not issue a commercial  
13 learner's permit, a vehicle group designation, or a vehicle  
14 indorsement to an applicant for an original vehicle group  
15 designation or vehicle indorsement under section 312e or may cancel  
16 a commercial learner's permit or all vehicle group designations or  
17 endorsements on an individual's operator's or chauffeur's license  
18 to whom 1 or more of the following apply:

19 (a) The applicant has had his or her license suspended or  
20 revoked for a reason other than as provided in section 321a, 515,  
21 732a, or 801c or section 30 of the support and parenting time  
22 enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.630, in the 36 months  
23 immediately preceding application. However, a vehicle group  
24 designation may be issued if the suspension or revocation was due  
25 to a temporary medical condition or failure to appear at a  
26 reexamination as provided in section 320.

27 (b) The applicant was convicted of or incurred a bond  
28 forfeiture in relation to a 6-point violation as provided in  
29 section 320a in the 24 months immediately preceding application if



1 the violation occurred while the applicant was operating a  
2 commercial motor vehicle, or a violation of section 625(3) or  
3 former section 625b, or a local ordinance that substantially  
4 corresponds to section 625(3) or former section 625b in the 24  
5 months immediately preceding application, if the applicant was  
6 operating any type of motor vehicle.

7 (c) The applicant is listed on the National Driver Register,  
8 the Commercial Driver's License Information System, or the driving  
9 records of the state in which the applicant was previously licensed  
10 as being disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle or  
11 as having a license or driving privilege suspended, revoked,  
12 canceled, or denied.

13 (d) The applicant is listed on the National Driver Register,  
14 the Commercial Driver's License Information System, or the driving  
15 records of the state in which the applicant was previously licensed  
16 as having had a license suspended, revoked, or canceled in the 36  
17 months immediately preceding application if a suspension or  
18 revocation would have been imposed under this act had the applicant  
19 been licensed in this state in the original instance. This  
20 subdivision does not apply to a suspension or revocation that would  
21 have been imposed due to a temporary medical condition or under  
22 section 321a, 515, 732a, or 801c or section 30 of the support and  
23 parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.630.

24 (e) The applicant is subject to a suspension or revocation  
25 under section 319b or would have been subject to a suspension or  
26 revocation under section 319b if the applicant had been issued a  
27 vehicle group designation or vehicle indorsement.

28 (f) The applicant has been disqualified from operating a  
29 commercial motor vehicle under 49 USC 31301 to 31317 or the



1 applicant's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle has been  
2 suspended, revoked, denied, or canceled within 36 months  
3 immediately preceding the date of application.

4 (g) The United States Secretary of Transportation has  
5 disqualified the applicant from operating a commercial motor  
6 vehicle.

7 (h) The applicant fails to satisfy the federal regulations  
8 promulgated under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 by refusing to certify  
9 the type of commercial motor vehicle operation the applicant  
10 intends to perform and fails to present valid medical certification  
11 to the secretary of state if required to do so. The requirement of  
12 this subdivision is waived from July 1, 2020 to ~~December 31, 2020~~  
13 **August 31, 2021**, pursuant to the Waiver in Response to the COVID-19  
14 National Emergency - For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and  
15 Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles, or any  
16 extension of that waiver issued after ~~December 31, 2020~~. **August 31,**  
17 **2021.**

18 (i) The applicant has been disqualified from operating a  
19 commercial motor vehicle due to improper or fraudulent testing.

20 (j) If the secretary of state determines through a  
21 governmental investigation that there is reason to believe that a  
22 commercial driver license or endorsement was issued as a result of  
23 fraudulent or improper conduct in taking a knowledge test or  
24 driving skills test required under 49 CFR part 383, the secretary  
25 of state shall require the applicant to retake and successfully  
26 pass that test. The secretary of state shall cancel any commercial  
27 driver license or endorsement issued as a result of the suspect  
28 test unless the applicant retakes and passes that test.

29 (6) The secretary of state shall not renew or upgrade a



1 vehicle group designation if 1 or more of the following conditions  
2 exist:

3 (a) The United States Secretary of Transportation has  
4 disqualified the applicant from operating a commercial motor  
5 vehicle.

6 (b) The applicant is listed on the National Driver Register or  
7 the Commercial Driver's License Information System as being  
8 disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle or as having  
9 a driver license or driving privilege suspended, revoked, canceled,  
10 or denied.

11 (c) On or after January 30, 2012, the applicant fails to meet  
12 the requirements of 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 by refusing to certify  
13 the type of commercial motor vehicle operation the applicant  
14 intends to perform and fails to present medical certification to  
15 the secretary of state if required to do so. The requirement of  
16 this subdivision is waived from July 1, 2020 to ~~December 31, 2020,~~  
17 **August 31, 2021**, pursuant to the Waiver in Response to the COVID-19  
18 National Emergency - For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and  
19 Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles, **or any**  
20 **extension of that waiver issued after August 31, 2021.**

21 (7) The secretary of state shall only consider bond  
22 forfeitures under subsection (5) (b) for violations that occurred on  
23 or after January 1, 1990 when determining the applicability of  
24 subsection (5).

25 (8) If an applicant for an original vehicle group designation  
26 was previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the secretary of  
27 state shall request a copy of the applicant's driving record from  
28 that jurisdiction. If 1 or more of the conditions described in  
29 subsection (5) exist in that jurisdiction when the secretary of



1 state receives the copy, the secretary of state shall cancel all  
2 vehicle group designations on the individual's operator's or  
3 chauffeur's license.

4 (9) The secretary of state shall cancel all vehicle group  
5 designations on an individual's operator's or chauffeur's license  
6 upon receiving notice from the United States Secretary of  
7 Transportation, the National Driver Register, the Commercial  
8 Driver's License Information System, or another state or  
9 jurisdiction that 1 or more of the conditions described in  
10 subsection (5) existed at the time of the individual's application  
11 in this state.

12 (10) The secretary of state shall cancel all vehicle group  
13 designations on the individual's operator's or chauffeur's license  
14 upon receiving proper notice that the individual no longer meets  
15 the federal driver qualification requirements under 49 CFR parts  
16 383 and 391 to operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate or  
17 intrastate commerce, or the individual no longer meets the driver  
18 qualification requirements to operate a commercial motor vehicle in  
19 intrastate commerce under the motor carrier safety act of 1963,  
20 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

21 (11) Subsection (5)(a), (b), (d), and (f) does not apply to an  
22 applicant for an original vehicle group designation who at the time  
23 of application has a valid license to operate a commercial motor  
24 vehicle issued by any state in compliance with 49 USC 31301 to  
25 31317.

26 (12) As used in this section, "farm related service industry"  
27 means custom harvesters, farm retail outlets and suppliers, agri-  
28 chemical business, or livestock feeders.

29 Sec. 312k. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this



1 act, all of the following apply:

2 (a) A commercial driver license that expires on or after March  
3 1, 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021. **A commercial driver license**  
4 **that expires after March 31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 is valid**  
5 **until 90 days after the date of the expiration.**

6 (b) Medical certification for operator's or chauffeur's  
7 license holders with a group designation required under 49 CFR  
8 391.45 that expires on or after March 1, 2020 is valid until March  
9 31, 2021. **Medical certification for operator's or chauffeur's**  
10 **license holders with a group designation required under 49 CFR**  
11 **391.45 that expires after March 31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 is**  
12 **valid until 90 days after the date of the expiration.** This  
13 subdivision does not apply to either of the following:

14 (i) A medical certification for operator's or chauffeur's  
15 license holders with a group designation required under 49 CFR  
16 391.45 that was not valid before March 1, 2020.

17 (ii) An individual issued a medical certification for  
18 operator's or chauffeur's license holders with a group designation  
19 required under 49 CFR 391.45 who, since his or her last medical  
20 certificate was issued, has been diagnosed with a medical condition  
21 that would disqualify the individual from operating in interstate  
22 commerce, or who, since his or her last medical certificate was  
23 issued, has developed a condition that requires an exemption or  
24 Skill Performance Evaluation from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
25 Administration.

26 (c) Hazardous material endorsements that expire on or after  
27 March 1, 2020 are valid until October 29, 2020. A security threat  
28 assessment required under 49 CFR 1572.13(a) that is valid on or  
29 after March 1, 2020 is valid until October 29, 2020. An individual





1 with a hazardous material endorsement that is extended for 180 days  
2 under this subdivision must initiate a security threat assessment  
3 with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at least 60  
4 days before the expiration of the hazardous material endorsement.

5 (2) This section does not affect the secretary of state's  
6 authority to revoke or suspend an operator's or chauffeur's license  
7 or a group designation or indorsement under this act.

8 Sec. 314. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an  
9 operator's license and chauffeur's license expire on the birthday  
10 of the individual to whom the license is issued in the fourth year  
11 following the date of the issuance of the license or on the date  
12 the individual is no longer considered to be legally present in the  
13 United States under section 307, whichever is earlier, unless  
14 suspended or revoked before that date. A license must not be issued  
15 for a period longer than 4 years. An individual holding a license  
16 at any time 12 months before the expiration of his or her license  
17 may apply for a new license as provided for in this chapter. A  
18 knowledge test for an original group designation or indorsement may  
19 be taken at any time during this period and the results are valid  
20 for 12 months. A license renewed under this subsection must be  
21 renewed for the time remaining on the license before its renewal  
22 combined with the 4-year renewal period.

23 (2) The first operator's license issued to an individual who  
24 at the time of application is less than 20-1/2 years of age expires  
25 on the licensee's twenty-first birthday or on the date the  
26 individual is no longer considered to be legally present in the  
27 United States under section 307, whichever is earlier, unless  
28 suspended or revoked.

29 (3) The first chauffeur's license issued to an individual



1 expires on the licensee's birthday in the fourth year following the  
2 date of issuance or on the date the individual is no longer  
3 considered to be legally present in the United States under section  
4 307, whichever is earlier, unless the license is suspended or  
5 revoked before that date. The chauffeur's license of an individual  
6 who at the time of application is less than 20-1/2 years of age  
7 expires on the licensee's twenty-first birthday or on the date the  
8 individual is no longer considered to be legally present in the  
9 United States under section 307, whichever is earlier, unless  
10 suspended or revoked. A subsequent chauffeur's license expires on  
11 the birthday of the individual to whom the license is issued in the  
12 fourth year following the date of issuance of the license or on the  
13 date the individual is no longer considered to be legally present  
14 in the United States under section 307, whichever is earlier,  
15 unless the license is suspended or revoked before that date.

16 (4) An individual may apply for an extension of his or her  
17 driving privileges if he or she is out of state on the date that  
18 his or her operator's or chauffeur's license expires. The extension  
19 may extend the license for 180 days beyond the expiration date or  
20 not more than 2 weeks after the applicant returns to Michigan,  
21 whichever occurs first. This subsection does not apply to an  
22 individual who fails to meet the requirements of 49 CFR parts 383  
23 and 391 with regard to medical certification documentation  
24 requirements.

25 (5) The secretary of state may issue a renewal operator's or  
26 chauffeur's license to an individual who will be out of state for  
27 more than 180 days beyond the expiration date of his or her  
28 operator's or chauffeur's license, if the secretary of state has a  
29 digital image of the individual on file. The applicant for this



1 renewal shall submit a statement evidencing a vision examination in  
2 accordance with the rules promulgated by the secretary of state  
3 under section 309 and any other statement required by this act or  
4 federal law. An individual is not eligible for consecutive renewals  
5 of a license under this subsection. This subsection does not apply  
6 to an individual who fails to meet the requirements of 49 CFR parts  
7 383 and 391 with regard to medical certification documentation  
8 requirements, or an individual with a hazardous material  
9 endorsement on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license.

10 (6) The secretary of state may check the applicant's driving  
11 record through the National Driver Register and the Commercial  
12 Driver's License Information System before issuing a renewal under  
13 this section.

14 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an  
15 operator's or chauffeur's license that expires on or after March 1,  
16 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021. **Notwithstanding the provisions**  
17 **of this section, an operator's or chauffeur's license that expires**  
18 **after March 31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 is valid until 90 days**  
19 **after the date of the expiration.**

20 Sec. 801k. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this  
21 chapter **and subject to subsection (3)**, late fees must not be  
22 assessed on the following vehicles:

23 (a) A vehicle registered under section 801(1)(j) or (k) or  
24 section 801g whose registration expires on or after March 1, 2020  
25 and whose registration is renewed before March 31, 2021. **A vehicle**  
26 **registered under section 801(1)(j) or (k) or 801g whose**  
27 **registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021**  
28 **and whose registration is renewed within 90 days after the date of**  
29 **the expiration. The secretary of state shall, upon an applicant's**



1 request, reimburse a late renewal fee assessed and collected for a  
2 vehicle registered under section 801(1)(j) or (k) or 801g whose  
3 registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021  
4 and whose registration is renewed within 90 days after the date of  
5 the expiration.

6 (b) All other vehicles registered under this chapter whose  
7 registration expires on or after March 1, 2020 and whose  
8 registration is renewed before March 31, 2021. All other vehicles  
9 registered under this chapter whose registration expires after  
10 March 31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 and whose registration is  
11 renewed within 90 days after the date of the expiration. The  
12 secretary of state shall, upon an applicant's request, reimburse a  
13 late renewal fee assessed and collected for all other vehicles  
14 registered under this chapter whose registration expires after  
15 March 31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 and whose registration is  
16 renewed within 90 days after the date of the expiration.

17 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter and  
18 subject to subsection (3), both of the following apply:

19 (a) The secretary of state shall not assess a late renewal fee  
20 for a registration under section 216(2), 226(11) or (13), or 255(4)  
21 if the registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before July 1,  
22 2021 and is renewed within 90 days after the date of the  
23 expiration.

24 (b) The secretary of state shall, upon an applicant's request,  
25 reimburse a late renewal fee assessed and collected for a  
26 registration under section 216(2), 226(11) or (13), or 255(4) if  
27 the registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before July 1,  
28 2021 and is renewed within 90 days after the date of the  
29 expiration.



(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if, on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the secretary of state does not provide adequate in-person services, the secretary of state shall not assess a late renewal fee under this act until the secretary of state resumes providing adequate in-person services.

Sec. 811. (1) An application for an original operator's or an original or renewal chauffeur's license as provided in sections 307 and 312 and an application for an original minor's restricted license as provided in section 312 ~~shall~~ **must** be accompanied by the following fees:

Operator's license.....	\$ 25.00
Chauffeur's license.....	35.00
Minor's restricted license.....	25.00

The renewal fee for an operator's license renewed under this section is \$18.00. ~~However,~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subsections (4) and (5),** if an operator's license is expired at the time of the renewal, the fee is the same as the original fee. ~~7 except as provided in subsection (4).~~ The date of an application for a renewal of an operator's license under this section that is delivered to the secretary of state by regular mail is the postmark date in determining the fee to be assessed.

(2) The secretary of state shall deposit the money received and collected under subsection (1) in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund. The secretary of state shall refund out of the fees collected to each county or municipality acting as an examining officer or examining bureau \$2.50 for each applicant examined for an original license, \$1.00 for each applicant examined for an original chauffeur's license, and \$1.00 for every other



1 applicant examined, if the application is not denied and the money  
 2 refunded is paid to the county or local treasurer and is  
 3 appropriated to the county, municipality, or officer or bureau  
 4 receiving the money for the purpose of carrying out this act. The  
 5 state treasurer shall deposit the sum of \$4.00 in the traffic law  
 6 enforcement and safety fund created in section 819a for each person  
 7 examined for an original license, a renewal operator's license, an  
 8 original chauffeur's license, or a renewal chauffeur's license,  
 9 except that the sum deposited for each 2-year operator's or 2-year  
 10 chauffeur's license ~~shall be~~ **is** \$2.00.

11 (3) Notwithstanding sections 306 and 308, an operator's  
 12 license ~~shall~~ **must** not be issued to ~~a person~~ **an individual** under 18  
 13 years of age unless that person successfully passes a driver  
 14 education course and examination given by a ~~school licensed under~~  
 15 ~~the driver education and training schools act, 1974 PA 369, MCL~~  
 16 ~~256.601 to 256.612. A person~~ **driver education provider that has**  
 17 **been certified to provide teen driver training under the driver**  
 18 **education provider and instructor act, 2006 PA 384, MCL 256.621 to**  
 19 **256.705. An individual** who has been a holder of a motor vehicle  
 20 operator's license issued by any other state, territory, or  
 21 possession of the United States, or any other sovereignty for 1  
 22 year immediately before application for an operator's license under  
 23 this act is not required to comply with this subsection. Restricted  
 24 licenses may be issued ~~pursuant to~~ **under** section 312 without  
 25 compliance with this subsection.

26 (4) A person who is on active military service at the time his  
 27 or her operator's license expires shall be charged the renewal rate  
 28 for renewing his or her operator's license under this section if  
 29 all of the following apply:



1 (a) He or she applies for renewal within 30 days of returning  
2 to this state from active duty.

3 (b) He or she held a valid, unexpired operator's license from  
4 this state immediately prior to leaving this state for active  
5 military service.

6 (c) He or she presents such documentation as the secretary of  
7 state requires to establish eligibility under this subsection.

8 **(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, both of**  
9 **the following apply:**

10 **(a) The secretary of state shall not assess a late renewal fee**  
11 **for a document described under section 301(6), 306(1), (2), (4), or**  
12 **(6), 306a(4), 309(11), 312k(1), or 314(7) that expires after March**  
13 **31, 2021 but before July 1, 2021 and is renewed within 90 days of**  
14 **the date of the expiration.**

15 **(b) The secretary of state shall, upon an applicant's request,**  
16 **reimburse a late renewal fee assessed and collected for a document**  
17 **described under section 301(6), 306(1), (2), (4), or (6), 306a(4),**  
18 **309(11), 312k(1), or 314(7) that expires after March 31, 2021 but**  
19 **before July 1, 2021 and is renewed within 90 days of the date of**  
20 **the expiration.**

21 Enacting section 1. Sections 216(2), 217(11) and (12), 226(11)  
22 and (13), 255(4), 301(6), 306(1), (2), (4), and (6), 306a(4),  
23 309(11), 312k(1), 314(7), 801k(1) and (2), and 811(5) of the  
24 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.216, 257.217, 257.226,  
25 257.255, 257.301, 257.306, 257.306a, 257.309, 257.312k, 257.314,  
26 257.801k, and 257.811, as amended by this amendatory act, are  
27 intended to be retroactive and apply retroactively.

28 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
29 unless all of the following bills of the 101st Legislature are



1 enacted into law:

2 (a) Senate Bill No. 508.

3 (b) Senate Bill No. 509.

