

# HOUSE BILL No. 6284

November 14, 1990, Introduced by Rep. Randall and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 226 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1989, being section 257.226 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 226 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of  
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1989, being  
3 section 257.226 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 226. (1) A vehicle registration issued by the secre-  
6 tary of state expires on the owner's birthday, unless another  
7 expiration date is provided for under this act or unless the  
8 registration is for the following vehicles, in which case  
9 registration expires on the last day of February:

1 (a) A commercial vehicle other than a pickup truck or van  
2 owned by an individual.

3 (b) A trailer or semitrailer owned by a business, corpora-  
4 tion, or person other than an individual; or a pole trailer.

5 (2) The expiration date for a registration issued for a  
6 motorcycle is March 31.

7 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the let-  
8 ters "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

9 (4) In the case of a vehicle owned by a business, corpora-  
10 tion, or an owner other than an individual, the secretary of  
11 state may assign or reassign the expiration date of the  
12 registration.

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

14 (a) After December 31, 1982, if the year designated on the  
15 registration is 1984, after December 31, 1987, if the registra-  
16 tion expired on February 28, 1989, or after the October 1 immedi-  
17 ately preceding the year designated on the registration for all  
18 years other than 1984 or 1989, issue a registration upon applica-  
19 tion and payment of the proper fee for a commercial vehicle,  
20 other than a pickup or van owned by an individual; or a trailer  
21 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an  
22 individual.

23 (b) On or after January 1 of the year designated on an  
24 international registration plan registration plate, issue a reg-  
25 istration under section 801g upon application and payment of the  
26 proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in  
27 interstate commerce.

1 (c) After the February 14 immediately preceding the year  
2 designated on a registration, issue a registration upon applica-  
3 tion and payment of the proper fee for a motorcycle.

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

14 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
15 secretary of state, upon application and payment of the proper  
16 fee, shall issue a registration for a vehicle to a resident which  
17 shall expire on the owner's birthday. If the owner's next birth-  
18 day is at least 6 months but not more than 12 months in the  
19 future, the owner shall receive a registration valid until the  
20 owner's next birthday. If the owner's next birthday is less than  
21 6 months in the future, the owner shall receive a registration  
22 valid until the owner's birthday following the owner's next  
23 birthday. The tax required under this act for a registration  
24 described in this subsection shall bear the same relationship to  
25 the tax required under section 801 for a 12-month registration as  
26 the length of time of the registration bears to 12 months.  
27 Partial months shall be considered as whole months in the

1 calculation of the required tax and in the determination of the  
2 length of time between the application for a registration and the  
3 owner's next birthday. The tax required for that registration  
4 shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in section  
5 801.

6 (7) A certificate of title shall remain valid until canceled  
7 by the secretary of state for cause or upon a transfer of an  
8 interest shown on the certificate of title.

9 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue spe-  
10 cial registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months  
11 after the date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds  
12 \$50.00, on the payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a  
13 service charge as enumerated in section 802(1).

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

16 (a) A new vehicle purchased outside of this state and deliv-  
17 ered in this state to the purchaser by the manufacturer of that  
18 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a certi-  
19 fication is made that the vehicle will be primarily used, stored,  
20 and registered outside of this state and will not be returned to  
21 this state by the purchaser for use or storage.

22 (b) A vehicle purchased in this state and delivered to the  
23 purchaser by a dealer or by the owner of the vehicle for removal  
24 to a place outside of this state, if a certification is made that  
25 the vehicle will be primarily used, stored, and registered out-  
26 side of this state and will not be returned to this state by the  
27 purchaser for use or storage.

1       (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is  
2 valid for not more than 30 days after the date of issuance, and a  
3 fee shall be collected for each special registration as provided  
4 in section 802(3). The special registration may be in the form  
5 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail  
6 sale of a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified and eligible to  
7 obtain a special registration, the dealer shall apply for the  
8 special registration for the purchaser. If a person other than a  
9 dealer sells a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified and eligi-  
10 ble to obtain a special registration, the purchaser shall appear  
11 in person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's power of  
12 attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a  
13 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or that  
14 the person has granted the power of attorney, together with other  
15 forms required for the issuance of the special registration. The  
16 certification required in this subsection shall contain all of  
17 the following:

18       (a) The address of the purchaser.

19       (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased for registra-  
20 tion outside of this state.

21       (c) A statement that the vehicle shall be primarily used,  
22 stored, and registered outside of this state.

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

25       (e) Other information desired by the secretary of state.

26       (11) Upon request, the secretary of state may issue a  
27 registration valid for 6 months after the date of issuance for

1 use on a trailer or semitrailer weighing 1,500 pounds or less and  
2 that is used for recreational purposes, A MOTOR HOME, OR A  
3 TRAILER COACH upon payment of 1/2 the APPLICABLE full registra-  
4 tion fee imposed under section ~~801(1)(4)~~ 801.

5       (12) The secretary of state may issue a special registration  
6 for a new motor vehicle purchased in this state and delivered to  
7 the purchaser by a dealer or manufacturer of that vehicle for  
8 removal to a foreign country. A special registration issued  
9 under this subsection shall be valid for not more than 90 days  
10 after the date of issuance. A fee shall be collected for each  
11 special registration as provided in section 802(12). The special  
12 registration shall be in a form determined by the secretary of  
13 state. When a dealer makes a retail sale of a new motor vehicle  
14 to a purchaser who is eligible to obtain a special registration,  
15 the dealer shall apply for the special registration on behalf of  
16 the purchaser. If a manufacturer sells a vehicle to a purchaser  
17 who is eligible to obtain a special registration, the purchaser  
18 shall appear in person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's  
19 power of attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and  
20 furnish a certification that the person is the bona fide pur-  
21 chaser or that the person has the purchaser's power of attorney,  
22 together with other forms required for the issuance of the spe-  
23 cial registration. The certification required in this section  
24 shall also contain the following: the name and address of the  
25 purchaser; the name and address of the person exercising the  
26 power of attorney, if any; a statement that the vehicle is  
27 purchased for registration in a foreign country; a statement that

1 the vehicle shall be primarily used, stored, and registered  
2 outside of this country and will not be returned to this state by  
3 the purchaser for use or storage; the name of the jurisdiction in  
4 which the vehicle is to be registered; and other information  
5 required by the secretary of state.