

# SENATE BILL No. 491

September 24, 1991, Introduced by Senator BOUCHARD and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend section 224 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section 257.224 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 803o.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 224 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of  
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1990, being  
3 section 257.224 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended and  
4 section 803o is added to read as follows:

5 Sec. 224. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act  
6 regarding tabs or stickers, upon registering a vehicle, the  
7 secretary of state shall issue to the owner 1 registration  
8 plate.

1       (2) A registration plate shall display the registration  
2 number assigned to the vehicle for which the registration plate  
3 is issued; the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and  
4 when the registration plate expires, which may be shown by a tab  
5 or sticker furnished by the secretary of state.

6       (3) A registration plate issued for motor vehicles owned and  
7 operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a  
8 privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department; or a  
9 nonpublic, nonprofit college or university of this state shall  
10 not expire at any particular time but shall be renewed when the  
11 registration plate is worn out or is illegible. This registra-  
12 tion plate shall be assigned upon proper application and payment  
13 of the applicable fee and may be used on any eligible vehicle  
14 titled to the applicant if a written record is kept of the vehi-  
15 cles upon which the registration plate is used. The written  
16 record shall state the time the registration plate is used on a  
17 particular vehicle. The record shall be open to inspection by a  
18 law enforcement officer or a representative of the secretary of  
19 state.

20       (4) A registration plate issued for ~~a vehicle owned by the~~  
21 ~~civil air patrol as organized under sections 1 to 8, chapter 527,~~  
22 ~~60 Stat. 346 to 347, 36 U.S.C. 201 to 208;~~ a vehicle owned by a  
23 nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment for pro-  
24 viding dialysis treatment to children at camp; an emergency sup-  
25 port vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and oper-  
26 ated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable organization;  
27 a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or ship's

1 body which is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and used  
2 exclusively in parades and civic events; a motor vehicle owned  
3 and operated by a senior citizen center; and a registration plate  
4 issued for buses including station wagons, carryalls, or simi-  
5 larly constructed vehicles owned and operated by a nonprofit  
6 parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes,  
7 parochial school, society, church Sunday school, or other grammar  
8 school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit reha-  
9 bilitation facility shall be issued upon proper application and  
10 payment of the applicable fee provided in section 801(1)(g) or  
11 (h) to the applicant for the vehicle identified in the  
12 application. The vehicle shall be used exclusively for activi-  
13 ties of the school or organization and shall be designated by  
14 proper signs showing the school or organization operating the  
15 vehicle. The registration plate shall expire on December 31 in  
16 the fifth year following the date of issuance. The registration  
17 plate may be transferred to another vehicle upon proper applica-  
18 tion and payment of a \$10.00 transfer fee.

19 (5) The registration plate and the required letters and  
20 numerals on the registration plate shall be of sufficient size to  
21 be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.  
22 The secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the  
23 month and year of expiration.

24 (6) The secretary of state shall issue for every passenger  
25 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of registra-  
26 tion plate as the type of registration plate issued for private  
27 passenger vehicles.

1 (7) A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public  
2 highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate  
3 other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the  
4 secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for non-  
5 residents, and by assignment provided in subsection (3).

6 (8) The registration plate displayed on a vehicle registered  
7 on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the elected  
8 gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.

9 SEC. 803o. (1) A PERSON WHO WAS OR IS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL  
10 AIR PATROL MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A  
11 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, WHICH SHALL DISPLAY AN APPROPRIATE  
12 VIGNETTE PRECEDING THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND SHALL HAVE THE  
13 WORDS "CIVIL AIR PATROL" INSCRIBED BENEATH THE REGISTRATION  
14 NUMBERS.

15 (2) APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE ON  
16 A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND SHALL BE ACCOM-  
17 PANIED BY ANY PROOF OF THE APPLICANT BEING OR HAVING BEEN A  
18 MEMBER OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY  
19 REQUIRE. THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL  
20 ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED WITH PAYMENT OF A \$5.00 SERVICE FEE.

21 (3) UPON PROPER APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF THE \$5.00 SERVICE  
22 FEE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ISSUE 1 OR MORE SPECIAL REGIS-  
23 TRATION PLATES FOR EACH APPLICANT FOR USE ON A PASSENGER  
24 VEHICLE. A PERSON WHO IS HANDICAPPED WHO MAKES APPLICATION FOR A  
25 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION AND WHO MAKES PAY-  
26 MENT OF THE \$5.00 SERVICE FEE SHALL BE ISSUED A HANDICAPPER TAB  
27 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 803F FOR HIS OR HER SPECIAL REGISTRATION

1 PLATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REQUIRE THE SAME PROOF THAT  
2 THE APPLICANT IS A HANDICAPPER AS IS REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF A  
3 PERMANENT CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 675. A  
4 PERSON ISSUED 1 OR MORE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER  
5 SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE ASSESSED THE APPLICABLE TAX PROVIDED IN  
6 SECTION 801(1)(H).

7 (4) THE USE OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ON A VEHICLE  
8 OTHER THAN THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE PLATE IS ISSUED, OR BY A  
9 PERSON WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY UNDER THIS SECTION, IS A  
10 MISDEMEANOR.

11 (5) THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION  
12 SHALL EXPIRE ON THE BIRTHDAY OF THE VEHICLE OWNER. WHEN NEW  
13 PLATES ARE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, APPLICATION FOR  
14 RENEWAL OF THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
15 A \$5.00 SERVICE FEE. THE APPLICANT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO FUR-  
16 NISH THE PROOF PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2).

17 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CIVIL AIR PATROL" MEANS THAT  
18 CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER SECTIONS 1 TO 8, CHAPTER 527, 60  
19 STAT. 346 TO 347, 36 U.S.C. 201 TO 208.