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## VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFO.

House Bill 4806  
Sponsor: Rep. Burton Leland  
Committee: Transportation

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4806 AS INTRODUCED 4-19-93

The Michigan Vehicle Code currently allows the secretary of state to sell published lists of certain motor vehicle records (i.e., on stolen vehicles, driving convictions, registrations and the like) to persons who request the information under the Freedom of Information Act. The bill would amend the act to provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of the act, the secretary of state could not release vehicle registration data, including a vehicle owner's/registrant's name and address, if the person requesting it presented only a vehicle registration number. This prohibition, however, would not apply to a law enforcement agency or governmental unit performing official duties that presented a registration number, or to someone who presented--in addition to a registration number--a court order requiring the secretary of state to issue the information.

Under the bill, the secretary of state would have to make a record of each transaction involving the release of vehicle registration data, and such records could be made available only to a vehicle registrant for his or her own vehicle. Someone who knowingly released confidential information in violation of the bill or who intentionally made a false statement or misrepresentation to a court or the secretary of state so as to obtain such information would be guilty of a misdemeanor, and could be imprisoned for up to 90 days or fined up to \$500, or both.

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