



# HOUSE BILL No. 5479

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A bill to amend section 803m of Act No 300 of the Public Acts of 1949 entitled as amended Michigan vehicle code, as added by Act No 111 of the Public Acts of 1989, being section 257 803m of the Michigan Compiled Laws and to add section 811c

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT

1 Section 1 Section 803m of Act No 300 of the Public Acts  
2 of 1949 as added by Act No 111 of the Public Acts of 1989,  
3 being section 257 803m of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended  
4 and section 811c is added to read as follows

5 Sec 803m (1) The secretary of state may issue 2 special  
6 organization motor vehicle registration plates to an applicant  
7 for use on a passenger motor vehicle, pickup truck, van, or motor  
8 home for which the plates are issued instead of standard plates

1 A special organization motor vehicle registration plate is a  
2 registration plate issued by the secretary of state that bears on  
3 its face the symbol or emblem of an organization

4 (2) Special organization plates shall bear letters and num-  
5 bers as the secretary of state prescribes Special organization  
6 plates may contain the symbol of the organization to the left of  
7 the plate number The secretary of state shall not issue a  
8 letter combination or permit the use of a symbol which might  
9 carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency The  
10 special organization plates shall be made of the same material as  
11 standard plates Special organization plates shall not be a  
12 duplication of another registration plate

13 (3) In order to qualify its members to receive special  
14 organization plates, an organization shall meet all of the fol-  
15 lowing criteria

16 (a) Be a nonprofit fraternal or public service  
17 organization

18 (b) Certify that it consists of not less than 500 members  
19 and that not less than 500 members will apply for special organi-  
20 zation registration plates

21 (c) Have a recognizable state, national, or international  
22 symbol or emblem of the organization

23 (d) Submit a service fee of \$500 00 for the initial manufac-  
24 ture of the symbols or emblems for the special registration  
25 plates

26 (e) Not practice or influence others to practice any form of  
27 discrimination prohibited by the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act,

1 Act No 453 of the Public Acts of 1976 being sections 37 2101 to  
2 37 2804 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

3 (4) If an organization meets the criteria set forth in sub-  
4 section (3), the organization may request the secretary of state  
5 to manufacture special organization registration plates for its  
6 members A request shall be accompanied by all of the  
7 following

8 (a) A copy of the organization s charter and bylaws, if  
9 any

10 (b) A statement of the organization's consent to use of the  
11 organization s symbol or emblem on special organization plates  
12 The statement shall be signed by the president or chief executive  
13 officer of the organization

14 (c) A sample of the organization s symbol or emblem

15 (d) The name of the organization s representative who will  
16 serve as a contact person with the secretary of state

17 (5) A member of an organization which has met the criteria  
18 set forth in subsection (3) shall individually make application  
19 for a special organization plate and submit with the application  
20 the organization s confirmation of membership on a form provided  
21 by the secretary of state

22 (6) An application for a special organization registration  
23 plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to  
24 the procedures prescribed in section 217 In addition to the  
25 regular registration fee each application for a new special  
26 organization plate shall be accompanied by a service fee of  
27 \$25 00 The service fee prescribed in this subsection shall not

1 be charged in connection with an application for a renewal tab  
2 for an existing special organization plate A special organiza-  
3 tion registration plate shall expire as provided in section 226

4 (7) Each service fee collected under this section shall be  
5 deposited in the state treasury and shall be credited to the  
6 Michigan transportation fund After deducting manufacturing and  
7 administrative costs the service fees shall be allocated pursu-  
8 ant to section 10 of Act No 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, being  
9 section 247 660 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

10 (8) The secretary of state may issue a temporary registra-  
11 tion permit to a person who submits an application and the proper  
12 fees for a special organization plate, if the applicant's current  
13 vehicle registration will expire before his or her receipt of an  
14 organization plate The temporary registration shall expire upon  
15 the applicant s receipt of an organization plate or upon the  
16 expiration of 60 days after the date of issuance whichever  
17 occurs first A temporary permit issued under this subsection  
18 shall be issued without charge

19 (9) SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATES SHALL NOT BE  
20 ISSUED TO ANY ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN  
21 THIS STATE

22 SEC 811C (1) EACH UNIVERSITY IN THIS STATE SHALL SUBMIT A  
23 GRAPHIC DESIGN WITH A COLOR COMBINATION REFLECTING THE SCHOOL  
24 COLORS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION  
25 PLATE FOR THAT UNIVERSITY UPON APPLICATION, THE SECRETARY OF  
26 STATE SHALL ISSUE SUCH A PLATE TO AN APPLICANT FOR USE ON THE  
27 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE, PICKUP TRUCK, VAN, OR MOTOR HOME FOR

1 WHICH THE PLATE IS ISSUED INSTEAD OF A STANDARD REGISTRATION  
2 PLATE

3       (2) AN APPLICATION FOR A UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL  
4 BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES  
5 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 217 IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR REGISTRA-  
6 TION TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 801, EACH APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCOM-  
7 PANIED WITH PAYMENT OF A SERVICE FEE OF \$3 00 FOR THE FIRST MONTH  
8 AND \$2 00 PER MONTH FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH OF THE REGISTRATION  
9 PERIOD OF THE PLATE UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION PLATES SHALL EXPIRE  
10 ON THE APPLICANT S BIRTHDAY PURSUANT TO SECTION 226 APPLICATION  
11 FOR RENEWAL OF A UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE ACCOM-  
12 PANIED WITH PAYMENT OF A SERVICE FEE OF \$25 00

13       (3) THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION PLATE FUND IS CREATED AS A  
14 RESTRICTED FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL  
15 BE EXPENDED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION

16       (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEPOSIT EACH SERVICE FEE  
17 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WITH THE STATE TREASURER TO  
18 THE CREDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION PLATE FUND THE FUND  
19 MAY RECEIVE MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE AS APPROPRIATED BY THE  
20 LEGISLATURE THE MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL, UPON APPROPRIATION BE  
21 DISTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN PROPORTION TO THE SALES FOR  
22 PLATES DESIGNATING THOSE UNIVERSITIES, AFTER DEDUCTING MANUFAC-  
23 TURING COSTS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE SECRETARY OF  
24 STATE THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF THE MONEY  
25 DESIGNATED FOR EACH PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE  
26 PRO RATA SHARE OF THE FUND EACH PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SHALL RECEIVE  
27 MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE FUND BY A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SHALL BE

1 SEGREGATED IN A SEPARATE TRUST FUND AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND SHALL  
2 BE USED ONLY FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

3 (5) THE WORD "MICHIGAN SHALL BE STAMPED ACROSS THE TOP OF  
4 EACH UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION PLATE UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION  
5 PLATES SHALL NOT BE A DUPLICATION OF ANOTHER REGISTRATION PLATE  
6 AND SHALL BE MANUFACTURED FROM REFLECTIVE SHEETING THE SECRE-  
7 TARY OF STATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT  
8 AND BUDGET SHALL SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
9 REFLECTIVE SHEETING TO MANUFACTURE REGISTRATION PLATES PURSUANT  
10 TO THIS SECTION

11 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY REGISTRA-  
12 TION PERMIT TO A PERSON WHO SUBMITS AN APPLICATION AND THE PROPER  
13 PAYMENTS FOR A UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION PLATE, IF THE APPLICANT S  
14 CURRENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION WILL EXPIRE BEFORE HIS OR HER  
15 RECEIPT OF A UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION PLATE THE TEMPORARY REGIS-  
16 TRATION SHALL EXPIRE UPON RECEIPT OF A UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION  
17 PLATE OR 60 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST THE  
18 TEMPORARY PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A SEPARATE FEE