



**House
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ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE

House Bill 5426
Sponsor: Rep. Beverly Bodem
Committee: Conservation,
Environment, and Great Lakes

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5426 INTRODUCED 11-29-95

The bill would add a new part to the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide for a specialty environmental license plate (defined under the bill to mean a registration plate containing a specialized design pertaining to the environment of the state), the fees from which would be deposited into the State Park Improvement Fund. Under the bill, the environmental license plate would be developed by the secretary of state. The word "Michigan" would appear on each one; otherwise, the design of the plate and its letters and numbers would be determined by the secretary of state.

Service Fees. The environmental registration plate would be issued for use on all vehicles for which a standard registration plate is normally issued, and applications would be submitted according to the vehicle registration requirements specified under the code. Application for an original or renewal plate would be accompanied with payment of the regular vehicle registration tax, in addition to a service fee, as follows:

*For an original environmental registration plate, the service fee would be \$3 for the first month, and \$2 per month for each additional month of the registration period.

*For a renewal environmental registration plate, the service fee would be \$10.

Expiration Dates. The expiration date for an environmental license plate would be as prescribed under the vehicle registration provisions of the act. The secretary of state could issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration when issuing or renewing a plate. A temporary registration permit could also be issued to an applicant without a separate fee if the applicant's current vehicle registration was due to expire before the environmental registration plate was received. The temporary registration would expire upon receipt of the environmental registration plate, or 60 days after it was issued, whichever occurred first.

State Park Improvement Fund. Fees collected for environmental registration plates would be identified and segregated into a separate account, and, after manufacturing and administration costs were deducted, the secretary of state would, on a quarterly basis, transfer the balance of the fees to the state treasurer for credit into the State Park Improvement Fund.

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