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House Bill 5989 (Substitute H-1 as reported with amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Walter DeLange
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit the owner of a fleet of at least 25 vehicles to apply to the Secretary of State for special registration plates, and to do the following.

- Permit the Secretary of State to issue a registration certificate and plate for each vehicle, and require the name, emblem, trademark, or logo of the company issued fleet plates to be displayed permanently on the vehicles.
- Require the registration tax to be paid annually, and require the Secretary of State to suspend the registration on these vehicles if the tax were not paid.
- Permit an owner or lessee to add or delete a vehicle from the list of vehicles registered under the bill.
- Permit the Secretary of State, or an authorized representative, to visit a fleet owner during regular business hours to examine registration records.

In addition, the Secretary of State currently may issue a registration for at least three months for a vehicle with an elected gross weight of at least 24,000 pounds. The registration fee must be one-tenth of the registration fee provided in the Code for trucks, road tractors, or truck tractors, times the number of months for which the special registration fee is requested, plus a service fee of \$10. The bill would change the fraction used in this calculation from one-tenth to one-twelfth.

The bill also would permit the Secretary of State to waive the requirement of a behind-the-wheel road test, knowledge test, or road sign test of an applicant for an original operator's or chauffeur's license without a vehicle group designation or endorsement who held a valid, unrevoked operator's or chauffeur's license issued by another state or country.

The bill would take effect October 1, 1997.

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Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

Changing the percentage multiplier for the fee for temporary registration plates for vehicles with a gross weight of 24,000 pounds or greater from one-tenth to one-twelfth would result in a minimal loss to the Michigan Transportation Fund.

Allowing for special registration plates for fleets would result in administrative savings.

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