



HOUSE BILL No. 5232

October 11, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Cherry, Hanley, LaForge, Baade, Baird, Price, Curtis, DeHart, Martinez, Goschka, Scott, Murphy, Tesanovich, Harder, Brater and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 226 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended
"Michigan vehicle code,"
as amended by Act No. 297 of the Public Acts of 1992, being section 257.226 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 226 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 297 of the Public Acts of 1992, being
3 section 257.226 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 226. (1) A vehicle registration issued by the secre-
6 tary of state expires on the owner's birthday, unless another
7 expiration date is provided for under this act or unless the
8 registration is for the following vehicles, in which case
9 registration expires on the last day of February:

1 (a) A commercial vehicle except for a commercial vehicle
2 issued a registration under the international registration plan
3 or a pickup truck or van owned by an individual.

4 (b) Except for a trailer or semitrailer issued a registra-
5 tion under the international registration plan, a trailer or
6 semitrailer owned by a business, corporation, or person other
7 than an individual; or a pole trailer.

8 (2) The expiration date for a registration issued for a
9 motorcycle is March 31.

10 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the let-
11 ters "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

12 (4) In the case of a vehicle owned by a business, corpora-
13 tion, or an owner other than an individual, the secretary of
14 state may assign or reassign the expiration date of the
15 registration.

16 (5) The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

17 (a) After the October 1 immediately preceding the year des-
18 ignated on the registration, issue a registration upon applica-
19 tion and payment of the proper fee for a commercial vehicle,
20 other than a pickup or van owned by an individual; or a trailer
21 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an
22 individual.

23 (b) Beginning 60 days before the expiration date assigned on
24 an international registration plan registration plate, issue a
25 registration under section 801g upon application and payment of
26 the proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in
27 interstate commerce.

1 (c) After the February 14 immediately preceding the year
2 designated on a registration, issue a registration upon applica-
3 tion and payment of the proper fee for a motorcycle.

4 (d) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday and 120
5 days before the expiration date assigned by the secretary of
6 state, issue a registration for a vehicle other than those desig-
7 nated in subsection (1)(a) or (b). However, if an owner whose
8 registration period begins 45 days before his or her birthday
9 will be out of the **state during the** 45 days immediately preceding
10 expiration of a registration or for other good cause shown cannot
11 apply for a renewal registration within the 45-day period, appli-
12 cation for a renewal registration may be made not more than 6
13 months before expiration.

14 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
15 secretary of state, upon application and payment of the proper
16 fee, shall issue a registration for a vehicle to a resident which
17 shall expire on the owner's birthday. If the owner's next birth-
18 day is at least 6 months but not more than 12 months in the
19 future, the owner shall receive a registration valid until the
20 owner's next birthday. If the owner's next birthday is less than
21 6 months in the future, the owner shall receive a registration
22 valid until the owner's birthday following the owner's next
23 birthday. The tax required under this act for a registration
24 described in this subsection shall bear the same relationship to
25 the tax required under section 801 for a 12-month registration as
26 the length of time of the registration bears to 12 months.
27 ~~Partial months~~ FIFTEEN DAYS OR LESS SHALL BE CONSIDERED A

1 PARTIAL MONTH AND 16 DAYS OR MORE shall be considered as A whole
2 ~~months~~ MONTH in the calculation of the required tax and in the
3 determination of the length of time between the application for a
4 registration and the owner's next birthday. The tax required for
5 that registration shall be rounded off to whole dollars as pro-
6 vided in section 801.

7 (7) A certificate of title shall remain valid until canceled
8 by the secretary of state for cause or upon a transfer of an
9 interest shown on the certificate of title.

10 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue spe-
11 cial registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months
12 after the date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds
13 \$50.00, on the payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a
14 service charge as enumerated in section 802(1).

15 (9) The secretary of state may issue a special registration
16 for each of the following:

17 (a) A new vehicle purchased outside of this state and deliv-
18 ered in this state to the purchaser by the manufacturer of that
19 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a certi-
20 fication is made that the vehicle will be primarily used, stored,
21 and registered outside of this state and will not be returned to
22 this state by the purchaser for use or storage.

23 (b) A vehicle purchased in this state and delivered to the
24 purchaser by a dealer or by the owner of the vehicle for removal
25 to a place outside of this state, if a certification is made that
26 the vehicle will be primarily used, stored, and registered

1 outside of this state and will not be returned to this state by
2 the purchaser for use or storage.

3 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is
4 valid for not more than 14 days after the date of issuance, and a
5 fee shall be collected for each special registration as provided
6 in section 802(3). The special registration may be in the form
7 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail
8 sale of a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified and eligible to
9 obtain a special registration, the dealer shall apply for the
10 special registration for the purchaser. If a person other than a
11 dealer sells a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified and eligi-
12 ble to obtain a special registration, the purchaser shall appear
13 in person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's power of
14 attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a
15 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or that
16 the person has granted the power of attorney, together with other
17 forms required for the issuance of the special registration and
18 provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is
19 covered by a Michigan no-fault insurance policy issued pursuant
20 to section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, Act No. 218 of the
21 Public Acts of 1956, being section 500.3101 of the Michigan
22 Compiled Laws, or proof that the vehicle is covered by a policy
23 of insurance issued by an insurer pursuant to section 3163 of Act
24 No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, being section 500.3163 of the
25 Michigan Compiled Laws. The certification required in this sub-
26 section shall contain all of the following:

1 (a) The address of the purchaser.

2 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased for
3 registration outside of this state.

4 (c) A statement that the vehicle shall be primarily used,
5 stored, and registered outside of this state.

6 (d) The name of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is to
7 be registered.

8 (e) Other information desired by the secretary of state.

9 (11) Upon request, the secretary of state may issue a regis-
10 tration valid for 6 months after the date of issuance for use on
11 a trailer or semitrailer weighing 1,500 pounds or less and that
12 is used for recreational purposes, upon payment of 1/2 the full
13 registration fee imposed under section 801(1)(1).

14 (12) In the case of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or semi-
15 trailer issued a registration under the international registra-
16 tion plan, the secretary of state in mutual agreement with the
17 owner may assign or reassign the expiration date of the
18 registration. However, the expiration date agreed to shall be
19 either March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31. Renewals
20 expiring on or after September 30, 1993 shall be for a minimum of
21 at least 12 months if there is a change in the established expi-
22 ration date.