



HOUSE BILL No. 5989

July 3, 1996, Introduced by Reps. DeLange, Jellema, Llewellyn, Walberg, London, Baade, Voorhees, LeTarte, Munsell, Rocca, Geiger, Kukuk, Byl, Brackenridge, Horton, Oxender, Jaye, Dolan, McBryde, Hill, Dobb, Bush, Sikkema, Gernaat, Gustafson, Middleton, Rhead, Hammerstrom, Ryan, Kelly, Curtis, Harder, Galloway, McManus, Jersevic and Perricone and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 801h.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as
2 amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled
3 Laws, is amended by adding section 801h to read as follows:

4 SEC. 801H. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THIS
5 ACT, THE OWNER OR LESSEE OF A FLEET OF 25 OR MORE VEHICLES THAT
6 ARE OR WILL BE REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 801 MAY APPLY TO THE SEC-
7 RETARY OF STATE FOR REGISTRATION PLATES FOR ANY NUMBER OF 25 OR
8 MORE VEHICLES IN A FLEET. AN APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN ALL OF
9 THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) A DESCRIPTION OF EACH VEHICLE TO BE REGISTERED AS
2 PROVIDED IN SECTION 217.

3 (B) THE DATE BY WHICH THE APPLICANT AGREES TO PAY ITS ANNUAL
4 REGISTRATION TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION.

5 (C) THE TOTAL ANNUAL REGISTRATION TAXES REQUIRED UNDER SEC-
6 TION 801 FOR ALL VEHICLES LISTED IN THE APPLICATION.

7 (D) AN AGREEMENT, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
8 THAT THE APPLICANT WILL REGISTER 25 OR MORE VEHICLES UNDER THIS
9 SECTION FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS.

10 (2) FOR A FLEET REGISTRATION APPLICATION, THE SECRETARY OF
11 STATE SHALL PRESCRIBE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (A) THE FORMAT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 217.

13 (B) A STATEMENT OF THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION TAXES DUE AND THE
14 METHOD OF PAYMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN ELECTRONIC
15 FUNDS TRANSFER.

16 (C) THE FORM, ELECTRONIC OR OTHERWISE, OF MAKING AN
17 APPLICATION.

18 (D) OTHER INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS
19 OF THIS SECTION AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

20 (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, UPON APPROVAL OF AN
21 APPLICATION FROM AN OWNER OR LESSEE WHO IS IN GOOD STANDING, THE
22 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ISSUE THE APPLICANT A REGISTRATION PLATE
23 UNDER SECTION 224 AND A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION
24 222 FOR EACH VEHICLE APPROVED IN THE APPLICATION WITH NO EXPIRA-
25 TION DATE INDICATED ON EITHER THE REGISTRATION PLATE OR
26 CERTIFICATE. THE REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL DISPLAY
27 CHARACTERISTICS, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

1 INDICATING THE VEHICLE IS A FLEET VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS
2 SECTION. A FLEET REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE DISPLAYED AS
3 REQUIRED IN SECTION 225.

4 (4) THE NAME, EMBLEM, TRADEMARK, OR LOGO OF THE COMPANY
5 ISSUED FLEET REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
6 PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON THE RIGHT AND LEFT SIDES OF ALL VEHICLES
7 REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION BY THAT COMPANY. THE NAME, EMBLEM,
8 TRADEMARK, OR LOGO SHALL CONTAIN LETTERS, FIGURES, OR NUMERALS IN
9 SHARP CONTRAST TO THE BACKGROUND OF THE NAME, EMBLEM, TRADEMARK,
10 OR LOGO AND SHALL BE OF SUCH SIZE, SHAPE, AND COLOR AS TO BE
11 READILY LEGIBLE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS FROM A DISTANCE OF 50
12 FEET.

13 (5) THE REGISTRATION TAX FOR EACH VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER
14 THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID ANNUALLY. NOT LESS THAN 45 DAYS
15 BEFORE THE DUE DATE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
16 SHALL NOTIFY EACH OWNER OR LESSEE WHO HAS VEHICLES REGISTERED
17 UNDER THIS SECTION OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL REGISTRATION TAXES DUE
18 UNDER SECTION 801. THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
19 BE IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, INCLUDING BUT
20 NOT LIMITED TO AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT, AND DIRECTED TO THE CENTRAL
21 OFFICE OF THE OWNER OR LESSEE.

22 (6) REGISTRATION TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE PAYABLE NOT
23 LATER THAN THE DUE DATE ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (1). IF THE
24 OWNER OR LESSEE OF A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION FAILS
25 TO PAY THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION TAX FOR THAT VEHICLE, THE SECRE-
26 TARY OF STATE SHALL SUMMARILY SUSPEND THE REGISTRATIONS OF ALL
27 VEHICLES REGISTERED BY THAT OWNER OR LESSEE UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 THE REGISTRATIONS SHALL REMAIN SUSPENDED AND THE OWNER OR LESSEE
2 SHALL NOT APPLY FOR THE REGISTRATION OR REREGISTRATION OF A VEHI-
3 CLE UNDER THIS SECTION UNTIL PAYMENT OF THE TAX OWED IS MADE. IF
4 A REGISTRATION TAX IS PAST DUE FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE, THE SECRETARY
5 OF STATE SHALL IMMEDIATELY CANCEL THAT REGISTRATION PLATE. IF AN
6 OWNER OR LESSEE SUBMITS THE REQUIRED TAXES TO THE SECRETARY OF
7 STATE WITHIN THE 30-DAY PERIOD BEFORE A PLATE MAY BE CANCELED,
8 THE OWNER OR LESSEE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE A PENALTY CHARGE OF 25% OF
9 THE TOTAL REGISTRATION TAXES DUE BEFORE THE APPLICABLE REGISTRA-
10 TIONS ARE REINSTATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

11 (7) AT ANY TIME AN OWNER OR LESSEE IN GOOD STANDING MAY ADD
12 A VEHICLE TO THE LIST OF VEHICLES REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION.
13 TO ADD A VEHICLE, THE OWNER OR LESSEE SHALL MAKE APPLICATION TO
14 THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF
15 STATE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE TAXES REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 801.

16 (8) AT ANY TIME AN OWNER OR LESSEE MAY DELETE THE REGISTRA-
17 TION OF A VEHICLE FROM THE LIST OF VEHICLES REGISTERED UNDER THIS
18 SECTION. TO DELETE A VEHICLE, THE OWNER OR LESSEE SHALL NOTIFY
19 THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE PROPOSED DELETION IN A FORM PRE-
20 SCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND SURRENDER TO THE SECRETARY
21 OF STATE THE REGISTRATION PLATE ASSIGNED TO THE DELETED VEHICLE
22 OR, IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, NOTIFY THE
23 SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE TRANSFER OF THE PLATE TO ANOTHER VEHI-
24 CLE AND PAY THE TRANSFER FEE REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT. EXCEPT AS
25 PROVIDED IN THIS ACT, A REGISTRATION REFUND SHALL NOT BE MADE
26 WHEN A VEHICLE IS DELETED FROM A FLEET REGISTRATION LIST UNDER
27 THIS SECTION.

1 (9) A VEHICLE NOT TITLED OR LEASED IN THE NAME OF THE
2 APPLICANT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION. A
3 VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 801G IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REGIS-
4 TRATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

5 (10) THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
6 OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY VISIT AND EXAMINE THE VEHICLE REG-
7 ISTRATION RECORDS OF AN OWNER OR LESSEE WHOSE VEHICLES ARE REGIS-
8 TERED UNDER THIS ACT. THIS AUTHORITY ONLY APPLIES TO VISITS
9 DURING THE REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF THE OWNER OR LESSEE AND TO
10 THOSE VEHICLES AND RECORDS NECESSARY FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
11 TO DETERMINE AN OWNER'S OR LESSEE'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS
12 SECTION.

13 (11) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "GOOD STANDING" MEANS THE
14 OWNER OR LESSEE HAS PAID THE TAXES DUE UNDER THIS ACT ON TIME,
15 WITHOUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOTIFYING THE OWNER OR LESSEE THAT
16 THE TAXES ARE PAST DUE OR THAT AN INSUFFICIENT CHECK, DRAFT,
17 ELECTRONIC TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE WAS RECEIVED FOR A TAX PAYMENT.

18 Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect April 1,
19 1997.