

HOUSE BILL No. 4927

June 17, 1997, Introduced by Rep. Harder and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 1995 PA
226.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 801. (1) The secretary of state shall collect the fol-
2 lowing taxes at the time of registering a vehicle, which shall
3 exempt the vehicle from all other state and local taxation,
4 except the fees and taxes provided by law to be paid by certain
5 carriers operating motor vehicles and trailers under the motor
6 carrier act, ~~Act No. 254 of the Public Acts of 1933, being sec-~~
7 ~~tions 475.1 to 479.43 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1933 PA 254,
8 MCL 475.1 TO 479.43; the taxes imposed by the motor carrier fuel
9 tax act, ~~Act No. 119 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections~~
10 ~~207.211 to 207.235 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1980 PA 119,

1 MCL 207.211 TO 207.235; a fee or fees imposed pursuant to the
 2 local road improvements and operations revenue act, ~~Act No. 237~~
 3 ~~of the Public Acts of 1987, being sections 247.521 to 247.525 of~~
 4 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1987 PA 237, MCL 247.521 TO 247.525;
 5 and except as otherwise provided by this act:

6 (a) For a motor vehicle, including a motor home, except as
 7 otherwise provided, and a pickup truck or van, which pickup truck
 8 or van weighs not more than 5,000 pounds and is not taxed under
 9 subdivision (p), except as otherwise provided, according to the
 10 following schedule of empty weights:

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12	Empty weights	Fee
13	0 to 3,000 pounds.....	\$ 29.00
14	3,001 to 3,500 pounds.....	32.00
15	3,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	37.00
16	4,001 to 4,500 pounds.....	43.00
17	4,501 to 5,000 pounds.....	47.00
18	5,001 to 5,500 pounds.....	52.00
19	5,501 to 6,000 pounds.....	57.00
20	6,001 to 6,500 pounds.....	62.00
21	6,501 to 7,000 pounds.....	67.00
22	7,001 to 7,500 pounds.....	71.00
23	7,501 to 8,000 pounds.....	77.00
24	8,001 to 8,500 pounds.....	81.00
25	8,501 to 9,000 pounds.....	86.00
26	9,001 to 9,500 pounds.....	91.00

1	9,501 to 10,000 pounds.....	95.00
2	over 10,000 pounds.....	\$ 0.90 per 100 pounds
3		of empty weight

4 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed
5 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the regis-
6 trations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that date
7 by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year
8 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar
9 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar
10 year which preceded that calendar year. In performing the calcu-
11 lations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use
12 the spring preliminary report of the United States department of
13 commerce or its successor agency. A van which is owned by a
14 person who uses a wheelchair or by a person who transports a res-
15 ident of his or her household who uses a wheelchair and for which
16 registration plates are issued pursuant to section 803d shall be
17 assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this
18 subdivision.

(b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle 76 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the trailer coach. A trailer coach not under ~~Act No. 243 of the Public Acts of 1959, being sections 125.1035 to 125.1043 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1959~~ PA 243, MCL 125.1035 TO 125.1043, and while located on land otherwise assessable as real property under the general property tax act, ~~Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being sections 211.1 to 211.157 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 TO 211.157,~~ if the trailer coach is used as a place of

1 habitation, and whether or not permanently affixed to the soil,
2 shall not be exempt from real property taxes.

3 (c) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a
4 farmer and used exclusively in connection with the farmer's farm-
5 ing operations, or used for the transportation of the farmer and
6 the farmer's family, and not used for hire, 74 cents per 100
7 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck
8 tractor. If the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a
9 farmer is also used for a nonfarming operation, the farmer shall
10 be subject to the highest registration tax applicable to the non-
11 farm use of the vehicle but shall not be subject to more than 1
12 tax rate under this act.

13 (d) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a
14 wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with the wood
15 harvesting operations, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of
16 the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. A registration
17 secured by payment of the fee as prescribed in this subdivision
18 shall continue in full force and effect until the regular expira-
19 tion date of the registration. As used in this subdivision,
20 "wood harvester" includes the person or persons hauling and
21 transporting raw materials only from the forest to the mill
22 site. "Wood harvesting operations" does not include the trans-
23 portation of processed lumber.

24 (e) For a hearse or ambulance used exclusively by a licensed
25 funeral director in the general conduct of the licensee's funeral
26 business, including a hearse or ambulance whose owner is engaged
27 in the business of leasing or renting the hearse or ambulance to

1 others, \$1.17 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the hearse or
2 ambulance.

3 (f) For a motor vehicle owned and operated by this state, a
4 state institution, a municipality, a privately incorporated, non-
5 profit volunteer fire department, or a nonpublic, nonprofit col-
6 lege or university, \$5.00 per set; and for each motor vehicle
7 operating under municipal franchise, weighing less than 2,500
8 pounds, 65 cents per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the motor
9 vehicle, weighing from 2,500 to 4,000 pounds, 80 cents per 100
10 pounds of the empty weight of the motor vehicle, weighing 4,001
11 to 6,000 pounds, \$1.00 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the
12 motor vehicle, and weighing over 6,000 pounds, \$1.25 per 100
13 pounds of the empty weight of the motor vehicle.

14 (g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or simi-
15 larly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit
16 parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes,
17 parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other
18 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit
19 rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by
20 a senior citizen center, \$10.00 per set, if the bus, station
21 wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle or motor vehi-
22 cle is designated by proper signs showing the organization oper-
23 ating the vehicle.

24 (h) For a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used
25 to transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to chil-
26 dren at camp; for a vehicle owned by the civil air patrol, as
27 organized under sections 1 to 8 of chapter 527, 60 Stat. 346, 36

1 U.S.C. 201 to 208, \$10.00 per plate, if the vehicle is designated
 2 by a proper sign showing the civil air patrol's name; for a vehi-
 3 cle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans center; for a
 4 vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a
 5 federally recognized nonprofit conservation organization until
 6 December 31, 2000; for a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and
 7 a locomotive or ship's body which is owned by a nonprofit veter-
 8 ans organization and used exclusively in parades and civic
 9 events; or for an emergency support vehicle used exclusively for
 10 emergencies and owned and operated by a federally recognized non-
 11 profit charitable organization, \$10.00 per plate.

12 (i) For each truck owned and operated free of charge by a
 13 bona fide ecclesiastical or charitable corporation, or red cross,
 14 girl scout, or boy scout organization, 65 cents per 100 pounds of
 15 the empty weight of the truck.

16 (j) For each truck, weighing 8,000 pounds or less, and not
 17 used to tow a vehicle, for each privately owned truck used to tow
 18 a trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved in a
 19 profit making venture, and for each vehicle designed and used to
 20 tow a mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided in sub-
 21 division (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the fol-
 22 lowing schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

23	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
24	0 to 2,500 pounds.....	\$ 1.40
25	2,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	1.76

1	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
2	6,001 to 8,000 pounds.....	2.72
3	8,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	3.25
4	10,001 to 15,000 pounds.....	3.77
5	15,001 pounds and over.....	4.39

6 If the tax required under subdivision (q) for a vehicle of
7 the same model year with the same list price as the vehicle for
8 which registration is sought under this subdivision is more than
9 the tax provided under the preceding provisions of this subdivi-
10 sion for an identical vehicle, the tax required under this subdivi-
11 sion shall not be less than the tax required under subdivision
12 (q) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list
13 price.

14 (k) For each truck weighing 8,000 pounds or less towing a
15 trailer or any other combination of vehicles and for each truck
16 weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor or truck tractor,
17 except as provided in subdivision (j), according to the following
18 schedule of elected gross weights:

1	Elected gross weight	Fee
2	0 to 24,000 pounds.....	\$ 378.00
3	24,001 to 26,000 pounds.....	429.00
4	26,001 to 28,000 pounds.....	429.00
5	28,001 to 32,000 pounds.....	499.00
6	32,001 to 36,000 pounds.....	572.00
7	36,001 to 42,000 pounds.....	672.00
8	42,001 to 48,000 pounds.....	773.00
9	48,001 to 54,000 pounds.....	873.00
10	54,001 to 60,000 pounds.....	975.00
11	60,001 to 66,000 pounds.....	1,075.00
12	66,001 to 72,000 pounds.....	1,176.00
13	72,001 to 80,000 pounds.....	1,277.00
14	80,001 to 90,000 pounds.....	1,379.00
15	90,001 to 100,000 pounds.....	1,540.00
16	100,001 to 115,000 pounds.....	1,710.00
17	115,001 to 130,000 pounds.....	1,883.00
18	130,001 to 145,000 pounds.....	2,054.00
19	145,001 to 160,000 pounds.....	2,226.00
20	over 160,000 pounds.....	2,398.00
21	For each commercial vehicle registered pursuant to this sub-	
22	division \$15.00 shall be deposited in a truck safety fund to be	
23	expended for the purposes prescribed in section 25 of Act No. 51	
24	of the Public Acts of 1951, being section 247.675 of the Michigan	
25	Compiled Laws 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.675.	

1 If a truck or road tractor without trailer is leased from an
 2 individual owner-operator, the lessee, whether a person, firm, or
 3 corporation, shall pay to the owner-operator 60% of the fee pre-
 4 scribed in this subdivision for the truck tractor or road tractor
 5 at the rate of 1/12 for each month of the lease or arrangement in
 6 addition to the compensation the owner-operator is entitled to
 7 for the rental of his or her equipment.

8 (1) For each pole trailer, semitrailer, or trailer, accord-
 9 ing to the following schedule of rates:

10	Empty weights	Fee
11	0 to 500 pounds.....	\$ 17.00
12	501 to 1,500 pounds.....	24.00
13	1,501 pounds and over.....	39.00

14 (m) For each commercial vehicle used for the transportation
 15 of passengers for hire except for a vehicle for which a payment
 16 is made ~~pursuant to Act No. 2 of the Public Acts of 1960, being~~
 17 ~~sections 257.971 to 257.972 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ UNDER
 18 1960 PA 2, MCL 257.971 TO 257.972, according to the following
 19 schedule of empty weights:

20	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
21	0 to 4,000 pounds.....	\$ 1.76
22	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
23	6,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	2.72
24	10,001 pounds and over.....	3.25

1 (n) For each motorcycle..... \$ 23.00

2 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed
3 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the regis-
4 trations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that date
5 by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year
6 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar
7 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar
8 year which preceded that calendar year. In performing the calcu-
9 lations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use
10 the spring preliminary report of the United States department of
11 commerce or its successor agency.

12 Beginning January 1, 1984, the registration tax for each
13 motorcycle shall be increased by \$3.00. The \$3.00 increase shall
14 not be considered as part of the tax assessed under this subdivi-
15 sion for the purpose of the annual October 1 revisions but shall
16 be in addition to the tax assessed as a result of the annual
17 October 1 revisions. Beginning January 1, 1984, \$3.00 of each
18 motorcycle fee shall be placed in a motorcycle safety fund in the
19 state treasury and shall be used only for funding the motorcycle
20 safety education program as provided for under sections 312b and
21 811a.

22 (o) For each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road trac-
23 tor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or part of
24 a moving van in transporting household furniture and household
25 effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting carni-
26 vals, at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross weights

1 in subdivision (k) as modified by the operation of that
2 subdivision.

3 (p) ~~For~~ UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 1997, FOR each pickup truck or
4 van, which pickup truck or van weighs not more than 5,000 pounds
5 and is owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an
6 individual, according to the following schedule of empty
7 weights:

8	Empty weights	Fee
9	0 to 4,000 pounds.....	\$ 39.00
10	4,001 to 4,500 pounds.....	44.00
11	4,501 to 5,000 pounds.....	49.00
12	(q) After September 30, 1983, each motor vehicle of the 1984	
13	or a subsequent model year as shown on the application required	
14	under section 217 which has not been previously subject to the	
15	tax rates of this section and which is of the motor vehicle cate-	
16	gory otherwise subject to the tax schedule described in subdivi-	
17	sion (a) AND BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1997 EACH MOTOR VEHICLE PREVI-	
18	OUSLY SUBJECT TO THE TAX SCHEDULE DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (P)	
19	according to the following schedule based upon registration peri-	
20	ods of 12 months:	

21 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for
22 the first registration, which is not a transfer registration
23 under section 809 and for the first registration after a transfer
24 registration under section 809, according to the following sched-
25 ule based on the vehicle's list price:

1	List Price	Tax
2	\$0 - \$6,000.00.....	\$ 30.00
3	More than \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00.....	\$ 33.00
4	More than \$7,000.00 - \$8,000.00.....	\$ 38.00
5	More than \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00.....	\$ 43.00
6	More than \$9,000.00 - \$10,000.00.....	\$ 48.00
7	More than \$10,000.00 - \$11,000.00.....	\$ 53.00
8	More than \$11,000.00 - \$12,000.00.....	\$ 58.00
9	More than \$12,000.00 - \$13,000.00.....	\$ 63.00
10	More than \$13,000.00 - \$14,000.00.....	\$ 68.00
11	More than \$14,000.00 - \$15,000.00.....	\$ 73.00
12	More than \$15,000.00 - \$16,000.00.....	\$ 78.00
13	More than \$16,000.00 - \$17,000.00.....	\$ 83.00
14	More than \$17,000.00 - \$18,000.00.....	\$ 88.00
15	More than \$18,000.00 - \$19,000.00.....	\$ 93.00
16	More than \$19,000.00 - \$20,000.00.....	\$ 98.00
17	More than \$20,000.00 - \$21,000.00.....	\$103.00
18	More than \$21,000.00 - \$22,000.00.....	\$108.00
19	More than \$22,000.00 - \$23,000.00.....	\$113.00
20	More than \$23,000.00 - \$24,000.00.....	\$118.00
21	More than \$24,000.00 - \$25,000.00.....	\$123.00
22	More than \$25,000.00 - \$26,000.00.....	\$128.00
23	More than \$26,000.00 - \$27,000.00.....	\$133.00
24	More than \$27,000.00 - \$28,000.00.....	\$138.00
25	More than \$28,000.00 - \$29,000.00.....	\$143.00
26	More than \$29,000.00 - \$30,000.00.....	\$148.00

1 More than \$30,000.00..... 0.5% of the list price

2 (ii) For the second registration, 90% of the tax assessed
3 under subparagraph (i).

4 (iii) For the third registration, 90% of the tax assessed
5 under subparagraph (ii).

6 (iv) For the fourth and subsequent registrations, 90% of the
7 tax assessed under subparagraph (iii).

8 For a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year which
9 has been previously registered by a person other than the person
10 applying for registration or for a vehicle of the 1984 or a sub-
11 sequent model year which has been previously registered in
12 another state or country and is registered for the first time in
13 this state, the tax under this subdivision shall be determined by
14 subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the calendar year
15 for which the registration is sought. If the result is zero or a
16 negative figure, the first registration tax shall be paid. If
17 the result is 1, 2, or 3 or more, then, respectively, the second,
18 third, or subsequent registration tax shall be paid. A van which
19 is owned by a person who uses a wheelchair or by a person who
20 transports a resident of his or her household who uses a wheel-
21 chair and for which registration plates are issued pursuant to
22 section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax pro-
23 vided for in this subdivision.

24 (r) For a wrecker, \$200.00.

25 (s) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this
26 section, a computation which does not result in a whole dollar
27 figure shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar when the

1 computation results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and
2 shall be rounded to the next higher whole dollar when the compu-
3 tation results in a figure ending in 51 cents or more, unless
4 specific fees are specified, and may accept the manufacturer's
5 shipping weight of the vehicle fully equipped for the use for
6 which the registration application is made. If the weight is not
7 correctly stated or is not satisfactory, the secretary of state
8 shall determine the actual weight. Each application for regis-
9 tration of a vehicle under subdivisions (j) and (m) shall have
10 attached to the application a scale weight receipt of the vehicle
11 fully equipped as of the time the application is made. The scale
12 weight receipt is not necessary if there is presented with the
13 application a registration receipt of the previous year which
14 shows on its face the weight of the motor vehicle as registered
15 with the secretary of state and which is accompanied by a state-
16 ment of the applicant that there has not been a structural change
17 in the motor vehicle which has increased the weight and that the
18 previous registered weight is the true weight.

19 (2) A manufacturer is not exempted under this act from
20 paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond, except on
21 the specified number of motor vehicles registered. A dealer is
22 exempt from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or
23 bond.

24 (3) The fee for a vehicle with an empty weight over 10,000
25 pounds imposed pursuant to subsection (1)(a) and the fees imposed
26 pursuant to subsection (1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j), (m),
27 (o), and (q) shall each be increased by \$5.00. This increase

1 shall be credited to the Michigan transportation fund and used to
2 defray the costs of processing the registrations under this
3 section.

4 (4) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Gross proceeds" means gross proceeds as defined in sec-
6 tion 1 of the general sales tax act, ~~Act No. 167 of the Public~~
7 ~~Acts of 1933, being section 205.51 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~
8 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51. However, gross proceeds shall include
9 the value of the motor vehicle used as part payment of the pur-
10 chase price as that value is agreed to by the parties to the
11 sale, as evidenced by the signed agreement executed pursuant to
12 section 251.

13 (b) "List price" means the manufacturer's suggested base
14 list price as published by the secretary of state, or the
15 manufacturer's suggested retail price as shown on the label
16 required to be affixed to the vehicle under section 3 of the
17 automobile information disclosure act, Public Law 85-506,
18 15 U.S.C. 1232, if the secretary of state has not at the time of
19 the sale of the vehicle published a manufacturer's suggested
20 retail price for that vehicle, or the purchase price of the vehi-
21 cle if the manufacturer's suggested base list price is unavail-
22 able from the sources described in this subdivision.

23 (c) "Purchase price" means the gross proceeds received by
24 the seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle
25 being registered.