

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5669**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 2000 PA 82.

**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, 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.43; the taxes imposed  
7       by the motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211 to  
8       207.234; ~~a fee or fees imposed pursuant to the local road~~  
9       ~~improvements and operations revenue act, 1987 PA 237, MCL 247.521~~  
10      ~~to 247.525;~~ and except as otherwise provided by this act:

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

6	Empty weights	Fee
7	0 to 3,000 pounds.....	\$ 29.00
8	3,001 to 3,500 pounds.....	32.00
9	3,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	37.00
10	4,001 to 4,500 pounds.....	43.00
11	4,501 to 5,000 pounds.....	47.00
12	5,001 to 5,500 pounds.....	52.00
13	5,501 to 6,000 pounds.....	57.00
14	6,001 to 6,500 pounds.....	62.00
15	6,501 to 7,000 pounds.....	67.00
16	7,001 to 7,500 pounds.....	71.00
17	7,501 to 8,000 pounds.....	77.00
18	8,001 to 8,500 pounds.....	81.00
19	8,501 to 9,000 pounds.....	86.00
20	9,001 to 9,500 pounds.....	91.00
21	9,501 to 10,000 pounds.....	95.00
22	over 10,000 pounds.....	\$ 0.90 per 100 pounds
23	of empty weight	

24 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed  
25 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the  
26 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that

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1 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year  
2 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar  
3 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar  
4 year which preceded that calendar year. In performing the calcu-  
5 lations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use  
6 the spring preliminary report of the United States department of  
7 commerce or its successor agency. A van which is  
8 owned by a person who uses  
9 a wheelchair or by a person who transports a resident of his or  
10 her household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration  
11 plates are issued pursuant to section 803d shall be assessed at  
12 the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this subdivision.

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1 (b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle 76 cents  
2 per 100 pounds of empty weight of the trailer coach. A trailer  
3 coach not under 1959 PA 243, MCL 125.1035 to 125.1043, and while  
4 located on land otherwise assessable as real property under the  
5 general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, if  
6 the trailer coach is used as a place of habitation, and whether  
7 or not permanently affixed to the soil, shall not be exempt from  
8 real property taxes.

9 (c) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a  
10 farmer and used exclusively in connection with ~~the farmer's~~ A  
11 farming ~~operations~~ OPERATION, INCLUDING A FARMER HAULING LIVE-  
12 STOCK OR FARM EQUIPMENT FOR OTHER FARMERS FOR REMUNERATION IN  
13 KIND OR IN LABOR, BUT NOT FOR MONEY, or used for the transporta-  
14 tion of the farmer and the farmer's family, and not used for  
15 hire, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the road trac-  
16 tor, truck, or truck tractor. If the road tractor, truck, or  
17 truck tractor owned by a farmer is also used for a nonfarming  
18 operation, the farmer shall be subject to the highest registra-  
19 tion tax applicable to the nonfarm use of the vehicle but shall  
20 not be subject to more than 1 tax rate under this act.

21 (d) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a  
22 wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with the wood  
23 harvesting operations or a truck used exclusively to haul milk  
24 from the farm to the first point of delivery, 74 cents per 100  
25 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck  
26 tractor. A registration secured by payment of the fee as  
27 prescribed in this subdivision shall continue in full force and

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1 effect until the regular expiration date of the registration. As  
2 used in this subdivision, "wood harvester" includes the person or  
3 persons hauling and transporting raw materials only from the  
4 forest to the mill site. "Wood harvesting operations" does not  
5 include the transportation of processed lumber.

6 (e) For a hearse or ambulance used exclusively by a licensed  
7 funeral director in the general conduct of the licensee's funeral  
8 business, including a hearse or ambulance whose owner is engaged  
9 in the business of leasing or renting the hearse or ambulance to  
10 others, \$1.17 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the hearse or  
11 ambulance.

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

23 (g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or simi-  
24 larly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit  
25 parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes,  
26 parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other  
27 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit

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1 rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by  
2 a senior citizen center, \$10.00 per set, if the bus, station  
3 wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle or motor vehi-  
4 cle is designated by proper signs showing the organization oper-  
5 ating the vehicle.

6       (h) For a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used  
7 to transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to chil-  
8 dren at camp; for a vehicle owned by the civil air patrol, as  
9 organized under sections 1 to 8 of chapter 527, 60 Stat. 346, 36  
10 U.S.C. 201 to 208, \$10.00 per plate, if the vehicle is designated  
11 by a proper sign showing the civil air patrol's name; for a vehi-  
12 cle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans center; for a  
13 vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a  
14 federally recognized nonprofit conservation organization; for a  
15 motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or ship's  
16 body which is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and used  
17 exclusively in parades and civic events; or for an emergency sup-  
18 port vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and oper-  
19 ated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable organization,  
20 \$10.00 per plate.

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

25       (j) For each truck, weighing 8,000 pounds or less, and not  
26 used to tow a vehicle, for each privately owned truck used to tow  
27 a trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved in a

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1 profit making venture, and for each vehicle designed and used to  
2 tow a mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided in sub-  
3 division (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the fol-  
4 lowing schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

5	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
6	0 to 2,500 pounds.....	\$ 1.40
7	2,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	1.76
8	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
9	6,001 to 8,000 pounds.....	2.72
10	8,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	3.25
11	10,001 to 15,000 pounds.....	3.77
12	15,001 pounds and over.....	4.39

13 If the tax required under subdivision (q) for a vehicle of  
14 the same model year with the same list price as the vehicle for  
15 which registration is sought under this subdivision is more than  
16 the tax provided under the preceding provisions of this subdivi-  
17 sion for an identical vehicle, the tax required under this subdivi-  
18 sion shall not be less than the tax required under subdivision  
19 (q) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list  
20 price.

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

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	Elected gross weight	Fee
1		
2	0 to 24,000 pounds.....	\$ 491.00
3	24,001 to 26,000 pounds.....	558.00
4	26,001 to 28,000 pounds.....	558.00
5	28,001 to 32,000 pounds.....	649.00
6	32,001 to 36,000 pounds.....	744.00
7	36,001 to 42,000 pounds.....	874.00
8	42,001 to 48,000 pounds.....	1,005.00
9	48,001 to 54,000 pounds.....	1,135.00
10	54,001 to 60,000 pounds.....	1,268.00
11	60,001 to 66,000 pounds.....	1,398.00
12	66,001 to 72,000 pounds.....	1,529.00
13	72,001 to 80,000 pounds.....	1,660.00
14	80,001 to 90,000 pounds.....	1,793.00
15	90,001 to 100,000 pounds.....	2,002.00
16	100,001 to 115,000 pounds.....	2,223.00
17	115,001 to 130,000 pounds.....	2,448.00
18	130,001 to 145,000 pounds.....	2,670.00
19	145,001 to 160,000 pounds.....	2,894.00
20	over 160,000 pounds.....	3,117.00

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 1951 PA 51,  
24 MCL 247.675.

25 If a truck or road tractor without trailer is leased from an  
26 individual owner-operator, the lessee, whether a person, firm, or

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1 corporation, shall pay to the owner-operator 60% of the fee  
2 prescribed in this subdivision for the truck tractor or road  
3 tractor at the rate of 1/12 for each month of the lease or  
4 arrangement in addition to the compensation the owner-operator is  
5 entitled to for the rental of his or her equipment.

6 (l) For each pole trailer, semitrailer, or trailer, accord-  
7 ing to the following schedule of rates:

8	Empty weights	Fee
9	0 to 500 pounds.....	\$ 17.00
10	501 to 1,500 pounds.....	24.00
11	1,501 pounds and over.....	39.00
12	(m) For each commercial vehicle used for the transportation	
13	of passengers for hire except for a vehicle for which a payment	
14	is made pursuant to 1960 PA 2, MCL 257.971 to 257.972, according	
15	to the following schedule of empty weights:	

16	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
17	0 to 4,000 pounds.....	\$ 1.76
18	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
19	6,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	2.72
20	10,001 pounds and over.....	3.25

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

22 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed  
23 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the  
24 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that

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1 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year  
2 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar  
3 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar  
4 year which preceded that calendar year. In performing the calcu-  
5 lations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use  
6 the spring preliminary report of the United States department of  
7 commerce or its successor agency.

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

18       (o) For each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road trac-  
19 tor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or part of  
20 a moving van in transporting household furniture and household  
21 effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting carni-  
22 vals, at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross weights  
23 in subdivision (k) as modified by the operation of that  
24 subdivision.

25       (p) Until October 1, 1997, for each pickup truck or van,  
26 which pickup truck or van weighs not more than 5,000 pounds and  
27 is owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an

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1 individual, according to the following schedule of empty  
2 weights:

3	Empty weights	Fee
4	0 to 4,000 pounds.....	\$ 39.00
5	4,001 to 4,500 pounds.....	44.00
6	4,501 to 5,000 pounds.....	49.00

7 (q) After September 30, 1983, each motor vehicle of the 1984  
8 or a subsequent model year as shown on the application required  
9 under section 217 which has not been previously subject to the  
10 tax rates of this section and which is of the motor vehicle cate-  
11 gory otherwise subject to the tax schedule described in subdivi-  
12 sion (a), beginning October 1, 1997 each motor vehicle previously  
13 subject to the tax schedule described in subdivision (p), and  
14 each low-speed vehicle according to the following schedule based  
15 upon registration periods of 12 months:

16 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for  
17 the first registration, which is not a transfer registration  
18 under section 809 and for the first registration after a transfer  
19 registration under section 809, according to the following sched-  
20 ule based on the vehicle's list price:

21	List Price	Tax
22	\$0 - \$6,000.00.....	\$ 30.00
23	More than \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00.....	\$ 33.00
24	More than \$7,000.00 - \$8,000.00.....	\$ 38.00

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1	More than \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00.....	\$ 43.00
2	More than \$9,000.00 - \$10,000.00.....	\$ 48.00
3	More than \$10,000.00 - \$11,000.00.....	\$ 53.00
4	More than \$11,000.00 - \$12,000.00.....	\$ 58.00
5	More than \$12,000.00 - \$13,000.00.....	\$ 63.00
6	More than \$13,000.00 - \$14,000.00.....	\$ 68.00
7	More than \$14,000.00 - \$15,000.00.....	\$ 73.00
8	More than \$15,000.00 - \$16,000.00.....	\$ 78.00
9	More than \$16,000.00 - \$17,000.00.....	\$ 83.00
10	More than \$17,000.00 - \$18,000.00.....	\$ 88.00
11	More than \$18,000.00 - \$19,000.00.....	\$ 93.00
12	More than \$19,000.00 - \$20,000.00.....	\$ 98.00
13	More than \$20,000.00 - \$21,000.00.....	\$103.00
14	More than \$21,000.00 - \$22,000.00.....	\$108.00
15	More than \$22,000.00 - \$23,000.00.....	\$113.00
16	More than \$23,000.00 - \$24,000.00.....	\$118.00
17	More than \$24,000.00 - \$25,000.00.....	\$123.00
18	More than \$25,000.00 - \$26,000.00.....	\$128.00
19	More than \$26,000.00 - \$27,000.00.....	\$133.00
20	More than \$27,000.00 - \$28,000.00.....	\$138.00
21	More than \$28,000.00 - \$29,000.00.....	\$143.00
22	More than \$29,000.00 - \$30,000.00.....	\$148.00
23	More than \$30,000.00, the fee <del>shall</del> of \$148.00 shall be	
24	increased by \$5.00 for each \$1,000.00 increment or fraction of a	
25	\$1,000.00 increment over \$30,000.00. If a current fee increases	
26	or decreases as a result of the 1998 amendatory act that added	
27	this sentence, only a vehicle purchased or transferred after <del>the</del>	

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1 ~~effective date of the 1998 amendatory act that added this~~  
2 ~~sentence~~ JANUARY 1, 1999 shall be assessed the increased or  
3 decreased fee.

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

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

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

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

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12 [REDACTED]  
13 (r) For a wrecker, \$200.00.  
14 (s) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this  
15 section, a computation which does not result in a whole dollar  
16 figure shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar when the  
17 computation results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and  
18 shall be rounded to the next higher whole dollar when the compu-  
19 tation results in a figure ending in 51 cents or more, unless  
20 specific fees are specified, and may accept the manufacturer's  
21 shipping weight of the vehicle fully equipped for the use for  
22 which the registration application is made. If the weight is not  
23 correctly stated or is not satisfactory, the secretary of state  
24 shall determine the actual weight. Each application for regis-  
25 tration of a vehicle under subdivisions (j) and (m) shall have  
26 attached to the application a scale weight receipt of the vehicle  
27 fully equipped as of the time the application is made. The scale

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1 weight receipt is not necessary if there is presented with the  
2 application a registration receipt of the previous year which  
3 shows on its face the weight of the motor vehicle as registered  
4 with the secretary of state and which is accompanied by a state-  
5 ment of the applicant that there has not been a structural change  
6 in the motor vehicle which has increased the weight and that the  
7 previous registered weight is the true weight.

8       (2) A manufacturer is not exempted under this act from  
9 paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond, except on  
10 the specified number of motor vehicles registered. A dealer is  
11 exempt from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or  
12 bond.

13       (3) The fee for a vehicle with an empty weight over 10,000  
14 pounds imposed pursuant to subsection (1)(a) and the fees imposed  
15 pursuant to subsection (1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j), (m),  
16 (o), and (q) shall each be increased by \$5.00. This increase  
17 shall be credited to the Michigan transportation fund and used to  
18 defray the costs of processing the registrations under this  
19 section.

20       (4) As used in this section:

21       (a) "Gross proceeds" means gross proceeds as defined in sec-  
22 tion 1 of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51.  
23 However, gross proceeds shall include the value of the motor  
24 vehicle used as part payment of the purchase price as that value  
25 is agreed to by the parties to the sale, as evidenced by the  
26 signed agreement executed pursuant to section 251.

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1       (b) "List price" means the manufacturer's suggested base  
2 list price as published by the secretary of state, or the  
3 manufacturer's suggested retail price as shown on the label  
4 required to be affixed to the vehicle under section 3 of the  
5 automobile information disclosure act, Public Law 85-506,  
6 15 U.S.C. 1232, if the secretary of state has not at the time of  
7 the sale of the vehicle published a manufacturer's suggested  
8 retail price for that vehicle, or the purchase price of the vehi-  
9 cle if the manufacturer's suggested base list price is unavail-  
10 able from the sources described in this subdivision.

11       (c) "Purchase price" means the gross proceeds received by  
12 the seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle  
13 being registered.