

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1324**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 244 (MCL 257.244), as amended by 1992
PA 306.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 244. (1) A manufacturer owning any vehicle of a type
2 otherwise required to be registered under this act may operate or
3 move the vehicle upon ~~the highways~~ A STREET OR HIGHWAY solely
4 for the purposes of transporting or testing or in connection with
5 a golf tournament or a public civic event, if the vehicle dis-
6 plays, in the manner prescribed in section 225, 1 special plate
7 approved by the secretary of state.

8 (2) A RECOGNIZED PRODUCER OR A PRODUCER UNDER CONTRACT WITH
9 A MANUFACTURER OF A SUBCOMPONENT SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE THAT IS
10 ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATION OF THE VEHICLE OR THE SAFETY OF AN

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1 OCCUPANT OF THE VEHICLE MAY OPERATE OR MOVE A VEHICLE UPON A
2 STREET OR HIGHWAY SOLELY TO TRANSPORT OR TEST THE SUBCOMPONENT IF
3 THE VEHICLE DISPLAYS, IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 225, 1
4 SPECIAL PLATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

5 (3) A dealer owning any vehicle of a type otherwise required
6 to be registered under this act may operate or move the vehicle
7 upon ~~the highways~~ A STREET OR HIGHWAY without registering ~~each~~
8 ~~such~~ THE vehicle if the vehicle displays, in the manner pre-
9 scribed in section 225, 1 special plate issued to the owner by
10 the secretary of state. ~~For the purposes of~~ AS USED IN this
11 subsection, "dealer" ~~shall include~~ INCLUDES any employee,
12 servant, or agent of the dealer.

13 (4) ~~(2)~~ A transporter may operate or move any vehicle of
14 like type upon ~~the highways~~ A STREET OR HIGHWAY solely ~~for the~~
15 ~~purpose of delivery~~ TO DELIVER THE VEHICLE upon ~~likewise~~ dis-
16 playing ~~thereon like plates~~ A SPECIAL PLATE issued to him or
17 her as provided in this chapter.

18 (5) ~~(3)~~ The plates described in this section shall not be
19 used on service cars or wreckers which are being operated as an
20 adjunct of a licensee's business. A manufacturer, transporter,
21 or dealer, making or permitting any unauthorized use of ~~the~~
22 plates A SPECIAL PLATE under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter
23 ~~shall be~~ IS considered to have forfeited ~~the license herein~~
24 ~~contemplated~~ ITS LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER and the secretary of
25 state, ~~upon~~ AFTER notice and A hearing, ~~as herein provided,~~
26 may suspend or cancel the right to use the plates and cause the
27 plates to be surrendered to and repossessed by the state.

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1 (6) ~~-(4)-~~ Transporters shall furnish a sufficient surety
2 bond or policy of insurance as protection for public liability
3 and property damage as may be required by the secretary of
4 state.

5 (7) ~~-(5)-~~ The secretary of state shall determine the number
6 of plates a manufacturer, dealer, or transporter reasonably needs
7 in his or her business.

8 (8) ~~-(6)-~~ Upon the sale of a vehicle otherwise required to
9 be registered under this act, the vendee shall be permitted to
10 operate the vehicle upon ~~the public highways~~ A STREET OR
11 HIGHWAY for ~~a period not to exceed~~ NOT MORE THAN 72 hours after
12 taking possession, but during that ~~period~~ TIME the vehicle
13 shall have THE DEALER PLATE attached ~~the dealer plate~~ as pro-
14 vided in this section. The application for registration shall be
15 made in the name of the vendee before the vehicle ~~shall be~~ IS
16 used. The dealer and the vendee shall be jointly responsible for
17 the return of the dealer plate to the dealer within ~~the period~~
18 of 72 hours, and the failure of the vendee to return or the
19 vendor to use due diligence to procure the dealer plate shall
20 constitute a misdemeanor, and in addition the license of the
21 dealer may be revoked. The vendee, while using the dealer's
22 plate, shall have in his or her possession ~~such~~ proof ~~as to~~
23 THAT clearly ~~indicate~~ INDICATES the date of sale of the motor
24 vehicle.

25 (9) ~~-(7)-~~ Vehicles owned by the dealer and bearing the
26 dealer's plate may be driven upon ~~the streets and highways~~ A

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1 STREET OR HIGHWAY for demonstration purposes by any prospective
2 buyer for a period of 72 hours.