

**SENATE BILL NO. 179**

January 28, 1999, Introduced by Senators MC MANUS, KOIVISTO, NORTH, GOUGEON, BENNETT, BYRUM, STILLE and SCHWARZ and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 811d.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        SEC. 811D. (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEVELOP AND,  
2 UPON APPLICATION, MAY ISSUE A CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRA-  
3 TION PLATE TO AN APPLICANT FOR USE ON THE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHI-  
4 CLE, PICKUP TRUCK, VAN, MOTOR HOME, HEARSE, BUS, TRAILER COACH,  
5 OR TRAILER FOR WHICH THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS ISSUED INSTEAD OF  
6 A STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATE. CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGIS-  
7 TRATION PLATES SHALL BEAR LETTERS AND NUMBERS THAT THE SECRETARY  
8 OF STATE PRESCRIBES. THE PLATE SHALL BE OF A DESIGN AS DETER-  
9 MINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE WORD "MICHIGAN" SHALL  
10 APPEAR ON EACH CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION PLATE.

1           (2) AN APPLICATION FOR A CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT  
2 REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
3 PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 217. AN APPLI-  
4 CATION FOR AN ORIGINAL OR RENEWAL CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REG-  
5 ISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED WITH PAYMENT OF THE REGULAR  
6 VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX IN ADDITION TO A SERVICE FEE AS  
7 FOLLOWS:

8           (A) FOR AN ORIGINAL CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION  
9 PLATE, \$3.00 FOR THE FIRST MONTH AND \$2.00 PER MONTH FOR EACH  
10 ADDITIONAL MONTH OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD.

11           (B) FOR A RENEWAL CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION  
12 PLATE, \$10.00.

13           (3) A CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL  
14 EXPIRE AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 226. UPON THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL  
15 OF A CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION PLATE, THE SECRETARY  
16 OF STATE MAY ISSUE A TAB OR TABS DESIGNATING THE MONTH AND YEAR  
17 OF EXPIRATION.

18           (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY REGISTRA-  
19 TION PERMIT TO A PERSON WHO SUBMITS AN APPLICATION AND THE PROPER  
20 PAYMENTS FOR A CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION PLATE IF  
21 THE APPLICANT'S CURRENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION WILL EXPIRE BEFORE  
22 HIS OR HER RECEIPT OF A CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION  
23 PLATE. THE TEMPORARY REGISTRATION SHALL EXPIRE UPON RECEIPT OF A  
24 CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION PLATE OR 60 DAYS AFTER THE  
25 ISSUANCE OF A CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION PLATE,  
26 WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. THE TEMPORARY PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED  
27 WITHOUT A SEPARATE FEE.

1 (5) CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION PLATE SERVICE  
2 FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL  
3 BE IDENTIFIED AND SEGREGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE INTO A  
4 SEPARATE ACCOUNT. AFTER DEDUCTING THE MANUFACTURING AND ADMINIS-  
5 TRATIVE COSTS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE  
6 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ISSUING, REPLACING, AND SUBSTITUTING  
7 PLATES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TRANS-  
8 FER THE BALANCE OF THE CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT REGISTRATION  
9 PLATE SERVICE FEES TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE  
10 FEE MONEY TO THE NONGAME FISH AND WILDLIFE TRUST FUND CREATED  
11 UNDER SECTION 43902 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
12 PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43902, FOR THE PURCHASE AND  
13 DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITATS IN THIS STATE.

14 (6) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT  
15 REGISTRATION PLATE" MEANS A REGISTRATION PLATE CONTAINING A SPE-  
16 CIALIZED DESIGN PERTAINING TO THE CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITATS OF  
17 THIS STATE.

18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take  
19 effect unless Senate Bill No. 180  
20 of the 90th Legislature is enacted into  
21 law.