

# SENATE BILL No. 1324

September 19, 2000, Introduced by Senator JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

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 MOTOR VEHICLE THAT  
10 IS ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE SAFETY

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

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

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

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

1 cause the plates to be surrendered to and repossessed by the  
2 state.

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

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

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

1       (9) ~~—(7)—~~ Vehicles owned by the dealer and bearing the  
2 dealer's plate may be driven upon ~~the streets and highways~~ A  
3 STREET OR HIGHWAY for demonstration purposes by any prospective  
4 buyer for a period of 72 hours.