## **HOUSE BILL No. 5358**

October 29, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Allen, Howell, Gilbert and Julian and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled

"Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending sections 217, 222, and 251 (MCL 257.217, 257.222, and 257.251), as amended by 2000 PA 397, and by adding sections 17c and 24d.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 17C. "FLOOD VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE THAT WAS SUB-
- 2 MERGED IN WATER TO THE POINT THAT WATER ENTERED THE PASSENGER
- 3 COMPARTMENT OR TRUNK OVER THE SILL OF THE TRUNK FLOOR PAN OR DOOR
- 4 SILL.
- 5 SEC. 24D. "LEMON LAW VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE REACQUIRED BY
- 6 A MANUFACTURER BECAUSE IT HAS A DEFECT OR CONDITION THAT SUBSTAN-
- 7 TIALLY IMPAIRED THE USE OR VALUE OF THE VEHICLE TO A CONSUMER OR
- 8 THAT PREVENTED THE VEHICLE FROM CONFORMING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S
- 9 EXPRESS WARRANTY UNDER 1986 PA 87, MCL 257.1401 TO 257.1410, OR A

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- 1 LAW OF ANOTHER STATE SUBSTANTIALLY CORRESPONDING TO 1986 PA 87,
- 2 MCL 257.1401 TO 257.1410.
- 3 Sec. 217. (1) An owner of a vehicle that is subject to reg-
- 4 istration under this act shall apply to the secretary of state,
- 5 upon an appropriate form furnished by the secretary of state, for
- 6 the registration of the vehicle and issuance of a certificate of
- 7 title for the vehicle. Effective January 1, 1994, a A vehicle
- 8 brought into this state from another state or jurisdiction that
- 9 has a rebuilt, salvage, scrap, FLOOD, LEMON, or comparable cer-
- 10 tificate of title issued by that other state or jurisdiction
- 11 shall be issued a rebuilt, salvage, or scrap, FLOOD, OR LEMON
- 12 certificate of title by the secretary of state. The application
- 13 shall be accompanied by the required fee. An application for a
- 14 certificate of title shall bear the signature of the owner. The
- 15 application shall contain all of the following:
- (a) The owner's name, the owner's bona fide residence, and
- 17 either of the following:
- 18 (i) The owner's mailing address, if IF the owner is an
- 19 individual, THE OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS.
- 20 (ii) The owner's business address, if IF the owner is a
- 21 firm, association, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, or
- 22 corporation, THE OWNER'S BUSINESS ADDRESS.
- 23 (b) A description of the vehicle including the make or name,
- 24 style of body, and model year; the number of miles, not including
- 25 the tenths of a mile, registered on the vehicle's odometer at the
- 26 time of transfer; IF THE VEHICLE IS A LATE MODEL VEHICLE, WHETHER
- 27 THE VEHICLE IS A LEMON LAW VEHICLE OR HAS BEEN RETURNED TO A

- 1 MANUFACTURER IN ANOTHER STATE UNDER A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY
- 2 CORRESPONDING TO 1986 PA 87, MCL 257.1401 TO 257.1410; WHETHER
- 3 THE VEHICLE IS A FLOOD VEHICLE OR ANOTHER STATE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED
- 4 THE VEHICLE A FLOOD CERTIFICATE OF TITLE; WHETHER ANOTHER STATE
- 5 PREVIOUSLY ISSUED THE VEHICLE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE THAT IS NOT
- 6 COMPARABLE TO A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT;
- 7 whether the vehicle is to be or has been used as a taxi or police
- 8 vehicle, or by a political subdivision of this state, unless the
- 9 vehicle is owned by a dealer and loaned or leased to a political
- 10 subdivision of this state for use as a driver education vehicle;
- 11 whether the vehicle has previously been issued a salvage or
- 12 rebuilt certificate of title from this state or a comparable cer-
- 13 tificate of title from any other state or jurisdiction; vehicle
- 14 identification number; and the vehicle's weight fully equipped,
- 15 if a passenger vehicle registered in accordance with section
- 16 801(1)(a), and, if a trailer coach or pickup camper, in addition
- 17 to the weight, the manufacturer's serial number, or in the
- 18 absence of the serial number, a number assigned by the secretary
- 19 of state. A number assigned by the secretary of state shall be
- 20 permanently placed on the trailer coach or pickup camper in the
- 21 manner and place designated by the secretary of state.
- (c) A statement of the applicant's title and the names and
- 23 addresses of the holders of security interests in the vehicle and
- 24 in an accessory to the vehicle, in the order of their priority.
- 25 (d) Further information that the secretary of state reason-
- 26 ably requires to enable the secretary of state to determine
- 27 whether the vehicle is lawfully entitled to registration and the

- 1 owner entitled to a certificate of title. If the secretary of
- 2 state is not satisfied as to the ownership of a late model vehi-
- 3 cle or other vehicle having a value over \$2,500.00, before regis-
- 4 tering the vehicle and issuing a certificate of title, the secre-
- 5 tary of state may require the applicant to file a properly exe-
- 6 cuted surety bond in a form prescribed by the secretary of state
- 7 and executed by the applicant and a company authorized to conduct
- 8 a surety business in this state. The bond shall be in an amount
- 9 equal to twice the value of the vehicle as determined by the sec-
- 10 retary of state and shall be conditioned to indemnify or reim-
- 11 burse the secretary of state, any prior owner, and any subsequent
- 12 purchaser of the vehicle and their successors in interest against
- 13 any expense, loss, or damage, including reasonable attorney's
- 14 fees, by reason of the issuance of a certificate of title for the
- 15 vehicle or on account of any defect in the right, title, or
- 16 interest of the applicant in the vehicle. An interested person
- 17 has a right of action to recover on the bond for a breach of the
- 18 conditions of the bond, but the aggregate liability of the surety
- 19 to all persons shall not exceed the amount of the bond. The bond
- 20 shall be returned at the end of 3 years, or before 3 years if the
- 21 vehicle is no longer registered in this state and the currently
- 22 valid certificate of title is surrendered to the secretary of
- 23 state, unless the secretary of state has received notification of
- 24 the pendency of an action to recover on the bond. If the secre-
- 25 tary of state is not satisfied as to the ownership of a vehicle
- 26 that is valued at \$2,500.00 or less and that is not a late model
- 27 vehicle, the secretary of state shall require the applicant to

- 1 certify that the applicant is the owner of the vehicle and
- 2 entitled to register and title the vehicle.
- 3 (e) Except as provided in subdivision (f), an application
- 4 for a commercial vehicle shall also have attached a scale weight
- 5 receipt of the motor vehicle fully equipped as of the time the
- 6 application is made. A scale weight receipt is not necessary if
- 7 there is presented with the application a registration receipt of
- 8 the previous year that shows on its face the empty weight of the
- 9 motor vehicle as registered with the secretary of state that is
- 10 accompanied by a statement of the applicant that there has not
- 11 been structural change in the motor vehicle that has increased
- 12 the empty weight and that the previous registered weight is the
- 13 true weight.
- 14 (f) An application for registration of a vehicle on the
- 15 basis of elected gross weight shall include a declaration by the
- 16 applicant specifying the elected gross weight for which applica-
- 17 tion is being made.
- 18 (g) If the application is for a certificate of title of a
- 19 motor vehicle registered in accordance with section 801(1)(q),
- 20 the application shall include the manufacturer's suggested base
- 21 list price for the model year of the vehicle. Annually, the sec-
- 22 retary of state shall publish a list of the manufacturer's sug-
- 23 gested base list price for each vehicle being manufactured. Once
- 24 a base list price is published by the secretary of state for a
- 25 model year for a vehicle, the base list price shall not be
- 26 affected by subsequent increases in the manufacturer's suggested
- 27 base list price but shall remain the same throughout the model

- 1 year unless changed in the annual list published by the secretary
- 2 of state. If the secretary of state's list has not been pub-
- 3 lished for that vehicle by the time of the application for regis-
- 4 tration, the base list price shall be the manufacturer's sug-
- 5 gested retail price as shown on the label required to be affixed
- 6 to the vehicle under section 3 of the automobile information dis-
- 7 closure act, Public Law 85-506, 15 U.S.C. 1232. If the
- 8 manufacturer's suggested retail price is unavailable, the appli-
- 9 cation shall list the purchase price of the vehicle as defined in
- **10** section 801(4).
- 11 (2) Beginning October 1, 1999, the secretary of state shall
- 12 require an AN applicant for registration of a leased pickup
- 13 truck or passenger vehicle that is subject to registration under
- 14 this act, except a vehicle that is subject to registration tax
- 15 under section 801g, to SHALL disclose in writing TO THE SECRE-
- 16 TARY OF STATE the lessee's name, the lessee's bona fide resi-
- 17 dence, and either of the following:
- 18 (a) The IF THE LESSEE IS AN INDIVIDUAL, THE lessee's
- 19 Michigan driver license number or Michigan personal identifica-
- 20 tion number or, if the lessee does not have a Michigan driver
- 21 license or Michigan personal identification number, the lessee's
- 22 mailing address. -, if the lessee is an individual.
- 23 (b) The lessee's business address, if IF the lessee is a
- 24 firm, association, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, or
- 25 corporation, THE LESSEE'S BUSINESS ADDRESS.

- 1 (3) The secretary of state shall maintain the information
- 2 described in subsection (2) on the secretary of state's computer
- 3 records.
- 4 (4) A dealer selling or exchanging vehicles required to be
- 5 titled, within 15 days after delivering a vehicle to the purchas-
- 6 er, and a person engaged in the sale of vessels required to be
- 7 numbered by part 801 of the natural resources and environmental
- 8 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80101 to 324.80199, within
- 9 15 days after delivering a boat trailer weighing less than 2,500
- 10 pounds to the purchaser, shall apply to the secretary of state
- 11 for a new title, if required, and transfer or secure registration
- 12 plates and secure a certificate of registration for the vehicle
- 13 or boat trailer, in the name of the purchaser. The dealer's
- 14 license may be suspended or revoked in accordance with section
- 15 249 for failure to apply for a title when required or for failure
- 16 to transfer or secure registration plates and certificate of reg-
- 17 istration within the 15 days required by this section. If the
- 18 dealer or person fails to apply for a title when required, and to
- 19 transfer or secure registration plates and secure a certificate
- 20 of registration and pay the required fees within 15 days of
- 21 delivery of the vehicle or boat trailer, a title and registration
- 22 for the vehicle or boat trailer may subsequently be acquired only
- 23 upon the payment of a transfer fee of \$15.00 in addition to the
- 24 fees specified in section 806. The purchaser of the vehicle or
- 25 boat trailer shall sign the application, including, when applica-
- 26 ble, the declaration specifying the maximum elected gross weight,
- 27 as required by subsection (1)(f), and other necessary papers to

- 1 enable the dealer or person to secure the title, registration
- 2 plates, and transfers from the secretary of state.
- 3 (5) If a vehicle is delivered to a purchaser who has valid
- 4 Michigan registration plates that are to be transferred to the
- 5 vehicle, and an application for title, if required, and registra-
- 6 tion for the vehicle is not made before delivery of the vehicle
- 7 to the purchaser, the registration plates shall be affixed to the
- 8 vehicle immediately, and the dealer shall provide the purchaser
- 9 with an instrument in writing, on a form prescribed by the secre-
- 10 tary of state, which shall serve as a temporary registration for
- 11 the vehicle for a period of 15 days from the date the vehicle is
- 12 delivered.
- 13 (6) An application for a certificate of title that indicates
- 14 the existence of a security interest in the vehicle or in an
- 15 accessory to the vehicle, if requested by the security interest
- 16 holder, shall be accompanied by a copy of the security agreement
- 17 which need not be signed. The request may be made of the seller
- 18 on an annual basis. The secretary of state shall indicate on the
- 19 copy the date and place of filing of the application and return
- 20 the copy to the person submitting the application who shall for-
- 21 ward it to the holder of the security interest named in the
- 22 application.
- 23 (7) If the seller does not prepare the credit information,
- 24 contract note, and mortgage, and the holder, finance company,
- 25 credit union, or banking institution requires the installment
- 26 seller to record the lien on the title, the holder, finance
- 27 company, credit union, or banking institution shall pay the

- 1 seller a service fee of not more than \$10.00. The service fee
- 2 shall be paid from the finance charges and shall not be charged
- 3 to the buyer in addition to the finance charges. The holder,
- 4 finance company, credit union, or banking institution shall issue
- 5 its check or bank draft for the principal amount financed, pay-
- 6 able jointly to the buyer and seller, and there shall be
- 7 imprinted on the back side of the check or bank draft the
- 8 following:
- 9 "Under Michigan law, the seller must record a first lien in
- 10 favor of (name of lender) \_\_\_\_\_ on the vehicle with
- 11 vehicle identification number \_\_\_\_\_ and title the vehi-
- 12 cle only in the name(s) shown on the reverse side." On the front
- 13 of the sales check or draft, the holder, finance company, credit
- 14 union, or banking institution shall note the name(s) of the pro-
- 15 spective owner(s). Failure of the holder, finance company,
- 16 credit union, or banking institution to comply with these
- 17 requirements frees the seller from any obligation to record the
- 18 lien or from any liability that may arise as a result of the
- 19 failure to record the lien. A service fee shall not be charged
- 20 to the buyer.
- 21 (8) In the absence of actual malice proved independently and
- 22 not inferred from lack of probable cause, a person who in any
- 23 manner causes a prosecution for larceny of a motor vehicle; for
- 24 embezzlement of a motor vehicle; for any crime an element of
- 25 which is the taking of a motor vehicle without authority; or for
- 26 buying, receiving, possessing, or aiding in the concealment of a
- 27 stolen, embezzled, or converted motor vehicle knowing that the

- 1 motor vehicle has been stolen, embezzled, or converted, is not
- 2 liable for damages in a civil action for causing the
- 3 prosecution. This subsection does not relieve a person from
- 4 proving any other element necessary to sustain his or her cause
- 5 of action.
- 6 (9) BEFORE COMPLETING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A LATE MODEL
- 7 VEHICLE PREVIOUSLY RETURNED TO A MANUFACTURER UNDER 1986 PA 87,
- 8 MCL 257.1401 TO 257.1410, OR A LAW OF ANOTHER STATE SUBSTANTIALLY
- 9 CORRESPONDING TO 1986 PA 87, MCL 257.1401 TO 257.1410, A DEALER
- 10 SHALL DELIVER TO THE PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE AN INSTRUMENT IN
- 11 WRITING SETTING FORTH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN AT LEAST
- 12 12-POINT OR LARGER BOLDFACED CAPITAL TYPE: "IMPORTANT: THIS
- 13 VEHICLE WAS RETURNED TO THE MANUFACTURER UNDER A STATE LEMON
- 14 LAW.".
- 15 Sec. 222. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the
- 16 secretary of state shall issue a registration certificate and a
- 17 certificate of title when registering a vehicle and upon
- 18 receipt of the required fees. A THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL
- 19 ISSUE A FLOOD, REBUILT, SALVAGE, OR SCRAP CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
- 20 FOR A vehicle brought into this state from another state or
- 21 jurisdiction that has a FLOOD, rebuilt, salvage, or scrap certif-
- 22 icate of title issued by that other state or jurisdiction. -shall
- 23 be issued a rebuilt, salvage, or scrap certificate of title by
- 24 the secretary of state. A VEHICLE BROUGHT INTO THIS STATE FROM
- 25 ANOTHER STATE THAT HAS A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED BY THAT
- 26 STATE OR UNDER A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY CORRESPONDING TO 1986 PA 87,
- 27 MCL 257.1401 TO 257.1410, SHALL BE ISSUED A LEMON LAW CERTIFICATE

- 1 OF TITLE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. IF A VEHICLE BROUGHT INTO
- 2 THIS STATE FROM ANOTHER STATE HAS BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF
- 3 TITLE BY THAT STATE THAT IS NOT COMPARABLE TO A CERTIFICATE OF
- 4 TITLE ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ISSUE A
- 5 CERTIFICATE OF TITLE THAT RECOGNIZES THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
- 6 ISSUED IN THE OTHER STATE FOR THAT VEHICLE.
- 7 (2) The SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DELIVER THE registration
- 8 certificate shall be delivered to the owner. and THE
- 9 CERTIFICATE shall contain on its face the date issued, the name
- 10 and address of the owner, the registration number assigned to the
- 11 vehicle, and a description of the vehicle as determined by the
- 12 secretary of state.
- 13 (3) The certificate of title shall be manufactured in a
- 14 manner to prohibit as nearly as possible the ability to repro-
- 15 duce, alter, counterfeit, forge, or duplicate the certificate of
- 16 title without ready detection. and THE CERTIFICATE SHALL con-
- 17 tain on its face the identical information required on the face
- 18 of the registration certificate; if the vehicle is a motor vehi-
- 19 cle, the number of miles, not including the tenths of a mile,
- 20 registered on the vehicle's odometer at the time of transfer;
- 21 whether the vehicle is to be used or has been used as a taxi, as
- 22 a police vehicle, or by a political subdivision of this state,
- 23 unless the vehicle is owned by a dealer and loaned or leased to a
- 24 political subdivision of this state for use as a driver education
- 25 vehicle; WHETHER THE VEHICLE IS A LEMON LAW VEHICLE; whether the
- 26 vehicle is a salvage vehicle; if the vehicle has previously been
- 27 issued a rebuilt certificate of title from this state or a

- 1 comparable certificate of title from any other state or
- 2 jurisdiction; if the vehicle has been issued a scrap certificate
- 3 of title from this state or a comparable certificate of title
- 4 from any other state or jurisdiction; IF THE VEHICLE IS A FLOOD
- 5 VEHICLE OR HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ISSUED A FLOOD CERTIFICATE OF
- 6 TITLE FROM THIS STATE OR ANY OTHER STATE; WHETHER THE VEHICLE HAS
- 7 BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FROM ANY OTHER STATE THAT IS
- 8 NOT COMPARABLE TO A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT;
- 9 if the owner or co-owner or lessee or co-lessee of the vehicle is
- 10 subject to registration denial under section 219(1)(d); a state-
- 11 ment of the owner's title and of all security interests in the
- 12 vehicle or in an accessory on the vehicle as set forth in the
- 13 application; the date that the application was filed; and any
- 14 other information that the secretary of state may require.
- 15 (4) The certificate of title shall contain a form for
- 16 assignment of title or interest and warranty of title by the
- 17 owner with space for the notation of a security interest in the
- 18 vehicle and in an accessory on the vehicle, which at the time of
- 19 a transfer shall be certified and signed, and space for a written
- 20 odometer mileage statement that is required upon transfer pursu-
- 21 ant to section 233a. The certificate of title may also contain
- 22 other forms that the secretary of state considers necessary to
- 23 facilitate the effective administration of this act. The certif-
- 24 icate shall bear the coat of arms of this state.
- 25 (5) The SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAIL OR DELIVER THE certif-
- 26 icate of title -shall be mailed or delivered to the owner or

- 1 other person the owner may direct in a separate instrument, in a
- 2 form PRESCRIBED BY the secretary of state. shall prescribe.
- 3 (6) A person who intentionally reproduces, alters, counter-
- 4 feits, forges, or duplicates a certificate of title or who uses a
- 5 reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated certif-
- 6 icate of title shall be punished as follows:
- 7 (a) If the intent of reproduction, alteration, counterfeit-
- 8 ing, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the
- 9 commission of an offense punishable by imprisonment for 1 or more
- 10 years, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, coun-
- 11 terfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a misde-
- 12 meanor, punishable by imprisonment for a period equal to that
- 13 which could be imposed for the commission of the offense the
- 14 person had the intent to aid or commit. The court may also
- 15 assess a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 against the person.
- 16 (b) If the intent of the reproduction, alteration, counter-
- 17 feiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the
- 18 commission of an offense punishable by imprisonment for not more
- 19 than 1 year, the person committing the reproduction, alteration,
- 20 counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a mis-
- 21 demeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or
- 22 a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.
- 23 (7) The certificate of title for a police vehicle, a vehicle
- 24 owned by a political subdivision of this state, A LEMON LAW
- 25 VEHICLE, a salvage vehicle, a rebuilt vehicle, and a scrap
- 26 vehicle, A FLOOD VEHICLE, OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED
- 27 A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE BY ANOTHER STATE THAT IS NOT COMPARABLE TO

- 1 A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT shall be different
- 2 in color from the certificate of title for all other vehicles
- 3 unless the vehicle is loaned or leased to a political subdivision
- 4 of this state for use as a driver education vehicle.
- 5 (8) A scrap certificate of title shall contain a legend that
- 6 the vehicle is not to be titled or registered and is to be used
- 7 for parts or scrap metal only.
- **8** (9) A certificate of title shall not be issued for a vehicle
- 9 which has had a salvage certificate of title unless the certifi-
- 10 cate of title contains a legend that discloses the vehicle's
- 11 former condition to consumers and potential purchasers.
- 12 Sec. 251. (1) Each new vehicle dealer, used vehicle dealer,
- 13 and broker shall maintain a record in a manner prescribed by the
- 14 secretary of state of each vehicle of a type subject to titling
- 15 under this act that is bought, sold, or exchanged by the dealer
- 16 or received or accepted by the dealer for sale or exchange.
- 17 (2) Each record shall contain the date of the purchase,
- 18 sale, or exchange or receipt for the purpose of sale OR EXCHANGE,
- 19 a description of the vehicle, together with the name and
- 20 address of the seller, the purchaser, and the alleged owner or
- 21 other persons from whom the vehicle was purchased or received, or
- 22 to whom it was sold or delivered. The record shall contain a
- 23 copy of -all ANY odometer mileage -statements STATEMENT
- 24 received by the dealer upon purchasing or acquiring WHEN THE
- 25 DEALER PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED a vehicle and a copy of the odometer
- 26 mileage statement furnished by the dealer upon sale of a WHEN
- 27 THE DEALER SOLD OR EXCHANGED THE vehicle as prescribed in section

- 1 233a. If the vehicle is purchased, sold, leased, or exchanged
- 2 through a broker, the record shall include the broker's name and
- 3 dealer license number and the amount of the broker's fee, commis-
- 4 sion, compensation, or other valuable consideration paid by the
- 5 purchaser or lessee or paid by the dealer, or both. The records
- 6 of all vehicles purchased, sold, leased, or exchanged through a
- 7 broker maintained by the secretary of state shall be in an elec-
- 8 tronic format determined by the secretary of state. A dealer
- 9 shall retain for not less than 5 years each odometer mileage
- 10 statement the dealer receives and each odometer mileage statement
- 11 furnished by the dealer upon the sale OR EXCHANGE of a vehicle.
- 12 The description of the vehicle, in the case of a motor vehicle,
- 13 shall also include the vehicle identification number and other
- 14 numbers or identification marks as may be on the vehicle, and
- 15 shall also include a statement that a number has been obliter-
- 16 ated, defaced, or changed, if that is the fact. For a trailer or
- 17 semitrailer, the record shall include the vehicle identification
- 18 number and other numbers or identification marks as may be on the
- 19 trailer or semitrailer.
- 20 (3) Not more than 20 days after the delivery of the vehicle,
- 21 the seller shall deliver to the buyer in person or by mail to the
- 22 buyer's last known address a duplicate of a written statement, on
- 23 a form prescribed by the secretary of state in conjunction with
- 24 the department of treasury, describing clearly the name and
- 25 address of the seller, the name and address of the buyer, the
- 26 vehicle sold to the buyer, the cash sale price of the vehicle,
- 27 the cash paid down by the buyer, the amount credited the buyer

- 1 for a trade-in, a description of the trade-in, the amount charged
- 2 for vehicle insurance, stating the types of insurance covered by
- 3 the insurance policy, the amount charged for a temporary regis-
- 4 tration plate, the amount of any other charge and specifying its
- 5 purpose, the net balance due from the buyer, and a summary of
- 6 insurance coverage to be affected. If the vehicle sold is a new
- 7 motor home, the written statement shall contain a description,
- 8 including the year of manufacture, of every major component part
- 9 of the vehicle that has its own manufacturer's certificate of
- 10 origin. The written statement shall disclose if the vehicle sold
- 11 is a vehicle that the seller had loaned or leased to a political
- 12 subdivision of this state for use as a driver education vehicle.
- 13 The written statement shall be dated, but not later than the
- 14 actual date of delivery of the vehicle to the buyer. The origi-
- 15 nal and all copies of the prescribed form shall contain identical
- 16 information. The statement shall be furnished by the seller,
- 17 shall be signed by the seller or the seller's agent and by the
- 18 buyer, and shall be filed with the application for new title or
- 19 registration. Failure of the seller to deliver this written
- 20 statement to the buyer does not invalidate the sale between the
- 21 seller and the buyer.
- 22 (4) A retail vehicle sale is void unless both of the follow-
- 23 ing conditions are met:
- 24 (a) The sale is evidenced by a written memorandum that con-
- 25 tains the agreement of the parties and is signed by the buyer and
- 26 the seller or the seller's agent.

- 1 (b) The agreement contains a place for acknowledgment by the
- 2 buyer of the receipt of a copy of the agreement or actual
- 3 delivery of the vehicle is made to the buyer.
- 4 (5) Each dealer record and inventory, including the record
- 5 and inventory of a vehicle scrap metal processor not required to
- 6 obtain a dealer license, shall be open to inspection by a police
- 7 officer or an authorized officer or investigator of the secretary
- 8 of state during reasonable or established business hours.
- 9 (6) A dealer licensed as a distressed vehicle transporter
- 10 shall maintain records in a form as prescribed by the secretary
- 11 of state. The records shall identify each distressed vehicle
- 12 that is bought, acquired, and sold by the dealer. The record
- 13 shall identify the person from whom a distressed vehicle was
- 14 bought or acquired and the dealer to whom the vehicle was sold.
- 15 The record shall indicate whether a certificate of title or sal-
- 16 vage certificate of title was obtained by the dealer for each
- 17 vehicle.
- 18 (7) A dealer licensed under this act shall maintain records
- 19 for a period of 5 years. The records shall be made available for
- 20 inspection by the secretary of state or other law enforcement
- 21 officials. The secretary of state shall inspect a dealer once
- 22 every 4 years and as determined necessary by the secretary of
- 23 state or a law enforcement officer. The secretary of state may
- 24 issue an order summarily suspending the license of a dealer pur-
- 25 suant to section 92 of the administrative procedures act of 1969,
- 26 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.292, based on an affidavit by a person
- 27 familiar with the facts set forth in the affidavit that the

- 1 dealer has failed to maintain the records required by this act or
- 2 failed to provide the records for inspection as requested by the
- 3 secretary of state, or has otherwise hindered, obstructed, or
- 4 prevented the inspection of records authorized under this
- 5 section. The dealer to whom the order is directed shall comply
- 6 immediately, but on application to the department shall be
- 7 afforded a hearing within 30 days pursuant to the administrative
- 8 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328. On
- 9 the basis of the hearing, the summary order shall be continued,
- 10 modified, or held in abeyance not later than 30 days after the
- 11 hearing.
- 12 (8) A dealer licensed as a vehicle salvage pool operator or
- 13 broker shall maintain records in a form as prescribed by the sec-
- 14 retary of state. The records shall contain a description of each
- 15 vehicle or salvageable part stored by the dealer, the name and
- 16 address of the insurance company or person storing the vehicle or
- 17 salvageable part, the period of time the vehicle or salvageable
- 18 part was stored, and the person acquiring the vehicle or salvage-
- 19 able part. In the case of a late model vehicle, a record of the
- 20 purchase or sale of a major component part of the vehicle shall
- 21 be maintained identifying the part purchased or sold, the name
- 22 and address of the seller or purchaser, the date of the purchase
- 23 or sale, and the identification number assigned to the part by
- 24 the dealer. The record of the purchase or sale of a part shall
- 25 be maintained in or attached to the dealer's police book or hard
- 26 copy of computerized data entries and reference codes and shall
- 27 be accessible at the dealer's location. In addition, a dealer

- 1 licensed as a broker shall maintain a record of the odometer
- 2 mileage reading of each vehicle sold pursuant to an agreement
- 3 between the broker and the buyer or the broker and the seller.
- 4 The record of odometer mileage shall be maintained for 5 years
- 5 and shall contain all of the information required by section
- 6 233a.
- **7** (9) A dealer licensed as a used vehicle parts dealer or an
- 8 automotive recycler shall maintain records in a form prescribed
- 9 by the secretary of state. The records shall contain the date of
- 10 purchase or acquisition of the vehicle, a description of the
- 11 vehicle including the color, and the name and address of the
- 12 person from whom the vehicle was acquired. If the vehicle is
- 13 sold, the record shall contain the date of sale and the name and
- 14 address of the purchaser. The record shall indicate if the cer-
- 15 tificate of title or salvage or scrap certificate of title was
- 16 obtained by the dealer. In the case of a late model vehicle, a
- 17 record of the purchase or sale of a major component of the vehi-
- 18 cle shall be maintained identifying the part purchased or sold,
- 19 the name and address of the seller or purchaser, the date of the
- 20 purchase or sale, and the identification number assigned to the
- 21 part by the dealer, except that a bumper remanufacturer is not
- 22 required to maintain a record of the purchase of a bumper.
- 23 However, a bumper remanufacturer shall assign and attach an iden-
- 24 tification number to a remanufactured bumper and maintain a
- 25 record of the sale of the bumper. The record of the purchase or
- 26 sale of a part shall be maintained in or attached to the dealer's
- 27 police book or hard copy of computerized data entries and

- 1 reference codes and shall be accessible at the dealer's
- 2 location.
- 3 (10) A dealer licensed as a vehicle scrap metal processor
- 4 shall maintain records as prescribed by the secretary of state.
- 5 As provided in section 217c, the records shall contain for a
- 6 vehicle purchased from a dealer a copy of the scrap vehicle
- 7 inventory, including the name and address of the dealer, a
- 8 description of the vehicle acquired, and the date of
- 9 acquisition. If a vehicle is purchased or acquired from a person
- 10 other than a dealer, the record shall contain the date of acqui-
- 11 sition, a description of the vehicle, including the color, the
- 12 name and address of the person from whom the vehicle was
- 13 acquired, and whether a certificate of title or salvage or scrap
- 14 certificate of title was obtained by the dealer.
- 15 (11) A dealer licensed as a foreign salvage vehicle dealer
- 16 shall maintain records in a form prescribed by the secretary of
- 17 state. The records shall contain the date of purchase or acqui-
- 18 sition of each distressed vehicle, a description of the vehicle
- 19 including the color, and the name and address of the person from
- 20 whom the vehicle was acquired. If the vehicle is sold, the
- 21 record shall contain the date of sale and the name and address of
- 22 the purchaser. The record shall indicate if the certificate of
- 23 title or salvage or scrap certificate of title was obtained by
- 24 the dealer. In the case of a late model vehicle, a record of the
- 25 purchase or sale of each salvageable part purchased or acquired
- 26 in this state shall be maintained and the record shall contain
- 27 the date of purchase or acquisition of the part, a description of

- 1 the part, the identification number assigned to the part, and the
- 2 name and address of the person to or from whom the part was pur-
- 3 chased, acquired, or sold. The record of the sale, purchase, or
- 4 acquisition of a part shall be maintained in the dealer's police
- 5 book. The police book shall only contain vehicles and salvagea-
- 6 ble parts purchased in this state or used in the repair of a
- 7 vehicle purchased in this state. The police book and the records
- 8 of vehicle part sales, purchases, or acquisitions shall be made
- 9 available at a location within the state for inspection by the
- 10 secretary of state within 48 hours after a request by the secre-
- 11 tary of state.
- 12 (12) The secretary of state shall make periodic unannounced
- 13 inspections of the records, facilities, and inventories of auto-
- 14 motive recyclers and used or secondhand vehicle parts dealers.
- 15 (13) The secretary of state may promulgate rules to imple-
- 16 ment this section pursuant to the administrative procedures act
- 17 of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
- 19 effect unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5359
- 20 (request no. 02988'01 a) of the 91st Legislature is enacted into

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21 law.

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