

HOUSE BILL No. 5647

February 8, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Gaffney and Hune and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 224 and 229 (MCL 257.224 and 257.229), section 224 as amended by 1995 PA 129 and section 229 as amended by 1988 PA 276.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 224. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act
2 regarding tabs or stickers, upon registering a vehicle, the
3 secretary of state shall issue to the owner 1 registration plate.

4 (2) A registration plate shall display the registration number
5 assigned to the vehicle for which the registration plate is issued;
6 the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and when the
7 registration plate expires, which may be shown by a tab or sticker

1 furnished by the secretary of state.

2 (3) A registration plate issued for motor vehicles owned and
3 operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a
4 privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department; or a
5 nonpublic, nonprofit college or university of this state shall not
6 expire at any particular time but shall be renewed when the
7 registration plate is worn out or is illegible. This registration
8 plate shall be assigned upon proper application and payment of the
9 applicable fee and may be used on any eligible vehicle titled to
10 the applicant if a written record is kept of the vehicles upon
11 which the registration plate is used. The written record shall
12 state the time the registration plate is used on a particular
13 vehicle. The record shall be open to inspection by a law
14 enforcement officer or a representative of the secretary of state.

15 (4) A registration plate issued for a vehicle owned by the
16 civil air patrol as organized under ~~sections 1 to 8, chapter 527,~~
17 ~~60 Stat. 346 to 347, 36 U.S.C. 201 to 208~~ **36 USC 40301 TO 40307**; a
18 vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used to transport
19 equipment for providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; an
20 emergency support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and
21 owned and operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable
22 organization; a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans
23 center; a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or
24 ship's body ~~which~~ **THAT** is owned by a nonprofit veterans
25 organization and used exclusively in parades and civic events; a
26 vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a
27 federally recognized nonprofit conservation organization until

1 December 31, 2000; a motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior
2 citizen center; and a registration plate issued for buses including
3 station wagons, carryalls, or similarly constructed vehicles owned
4 and operated by a nonprofit parents' transportation corporation
5 used for school purposes, parochial school, society, church Sunday
6 school, or other grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth
7 organization or nonprofit rehabilitation facility shall be issued
8 upon proper application and payment of the applicable fee provided
9 in section 801(1)(g) or (h) to the applicant for the vehicle
10 identified in the application. The vehicle shall be used
11 exclusively for activities of the school or organization and shall
12 be designated by proper signs showing the school or organization
13 operating the vehicle. The registration plate shall expire on
14 December 31 in the fifth year following the date of issuance. The
15 registration plate may be transferred to another vehicle upon
16 proper application and payment of a \$10.00 transfer fee.

17 (5) The registration plate and the required letters and
18 numerals on the registration plate shall be of sufficient size to
19 be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.
20 The secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the
21 month and year of expiration.

22 (6) The secretary of state shall issue for every passenger
23 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of registration
24 plate as the type of registration plate issued for private
25 passenger vehicles.

26 (7) A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public
27 highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate

1 other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the
2 secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for
3 nonresidents, and by assignment provided in subsection (3).

4 (8) The registration plate displayed on a vehicle registered
5 on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the elected
6 gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.

7 **(9) UPON THE REQUEST OF A PERSON APPLYING TO RENEW**
8 **REGISTRATION PLATES, IF THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT ISSUING A TAB OR**
9 **STICKER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A NEW REGISTRATION PLATE TO**
10 **THAT APPLICANT WITH THE SAME LETTER AND NUMBER COMBINATION AS THE**
11 **REGISTRATION PLATE BEING RENEWED.**

12 Sec. 229. (1) If a registration certificate, registration
13 plate, certificate of title, or duplicate certificate of title is
14 lost, mutilated, or becomes illegible, the person entitled to
15 possession of a registration certificate, registration plate,
16 certificate of title, or duplicate certificate of title or the
17 legal representative or successor in interest of that person as
18 shown by the records of the department shall immediately make
19 application for and may obtain a duplicate or a new registration
20 under a new registration number, as ~~determined to be most~~
21 ~~advisable by the department~~ **REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT**, upon the
22 applicant furnishing information satisfactory to the department and
23 upon payment of the required fee. Every duplicate certificate of
24 title shall contain the legend: "This is a duplicate certificate
25 and may be subject to the rights of a person under the original
26 certificate", and shall be delivered to the person entitled to
27 possession of a registration certificate or certificate of title

1 under section 222. Upon issuance of a duplicate registration
2 certificate or plate, the previous registration certificate or
3 plate last issued shall be void.

4 (2) If a certificate of title is lost at the time that
5 ownership of the vehicle is to be transferred to another person,
6 the secretary of state need not issue a duplicate certificate of
7 title if all of the following are met:

8 (a) The person from whom ownership of the vehicle is to be
9 transferred appears in person at a secretary of state office and
10 supplies evidence satisfactory to the secretary of state of his or
11 her identity and his or her ownership of the vehicle and pays the
12 fee required under section 806.

13 (b) The person to whom the vehicle is to be transferred, or
14 his or her legal representative, accompanies the person described
15 under subdivision (a) and makes application for an original
16 certificate of title, supplies evidence satisfactory to the
17 secretary of state of his or her identity, and pays the fee
18 required under section 806.

19 (3) If the secretary of state does not issue a duplicate
20 certificate of title pursuant to subsection (2), the secretary of
21 state's records shall indicate the transfer of the vehicle without
22 a surrender of the certificate of title.