

# SENATE BILL No. 324

March 4, 2009, Introduced by Senators PATTERSON, RICHARDVILLE, ALLEN, KUIPERS, HARDIMAN, BIRKHOLZ, JANSEN, PAPPAGEORGE and KAHN and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 811e (MCL 257.811e), as amended by 2006 PA 562,  
and by adding section 811r.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 811e. (1) ~~Beginning January 1, 2007, the~~ **THE** secretary of  
2 state may develop a fund-raising plate as provided in this section.

3       (2) A start-up fee of \$15,000.00 shall be paid for any new  
4 fund-raising plate authorized under this section, which fee shall  
5 be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund  
6 to be used for the cost of creating, producing, and issuing fund-  
7 raising plates. If the fee described in this subsection is not paid  
8 within 18 months ~~of~~ **AFTER** the effective date of the public act that  
9 authorizes the development and issuance of a fund-raising plate,

1 then the related fund-raising plate shall not be created, produced,  
2 or issued. A start-up fee paid under this subsection is  
3 nonrefundable.

4 (3) Not less than 3 years after the secretary of state first  
5 issues 1 of the fund-raising plates as described in subsection (1)  
6 and upon payment of \$2,000.00, the Michigan university or other  
7 person sponsoring that fund-raising plate may redesign it as  
8 approved by the secretary of state. The payment required under this  
9 subsection shall be deposited in the transportation administration  
10 collection fund to be used for the cost of creating, producing, and  
11 issuing fund-raising plates. A payment under this subsection is  
12 nonrefundable.

13 (4) The secretary of state may develop 1 or more limited term  
14 registration plates to recognize a Michigan university or an  
15 accomplishment or occasion of a Michigan university.

16 (5) The secretary of state may, at any 1 time, develop not  
17 more than ~~8~~9 different state sponsored fund-raising registration  
18 plates as described in this section, and matching state-sponsored  
19 collector plates as described in section 811g.

20 (6) The secretary of state shall not develop or issue a fund-  
21 raising plate unless a public act authorizing the fund-raising  
22 plate, at a minimum, does all of the following:

23 (a) Identifies the purpose of the fund-raising plate.

24 (b) Creates a nonprofit fund or designates an existing  
25 nonprofit fund to receive the money raised through the sale of  
26 fund-raising plates and matching collector plates.

27 (c) If a fund is created, names the person or entity

1 responsible for administering the fund.

2 SEC. 811R. (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEVELOP AND MAY  
3 ISSUE A FUND-RAISING PLATE AND A MATCHING COLLECTOR PLATE  
4 RECOGNIZING DUCKS UNLIMITED. THE WORDS "DUCKS UNLIMITED" SHALL BE  
5 INSCRIBED ON THE PLATES. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL TRANSFER THE  
6 FUND-RAISING DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE PLATES  
7 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT  
8 THE DONATION MONEY TO THE DUCKS UNLIMITED FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER  
9 SUBSECTION (2).

10 (2) THE DUCKS UNLIMITED FUND IS CREATED WITHIN THE STATE  
11 TREASURY. THE STATE TREASURER MAY RECEIVE MONEY OR OTHER ASSETS  
12 FROM ANY SOURCE FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER  
13 SHALL DIRECT THE INVESTMENT OF THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
14 CREDIT TO THE FUND INTEREST AND EARNINGS FROM FUND INVESTMENTS.  
15 MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN  
16 THE FUND AND SHALL NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND. THE STATE  
17 TREASURER SHALL DISBURSE MONEY IN THE FUND ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO  
18 THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF DUCKS UNLIMITED, INCORPORATED. THE MONEY  
19 CREDITED TO THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF DUCKS UNLIMITED, INCORPORATED  
20 SHALL ONLY BE EXPENDED TO PROTECT, ENHANCE, RESTORE, MANAGE, AND  
21 ACQUIRE WETLANDS AND ASSOCIATED UPLANDS IN THIS STATE.

22 (3) THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF DUCKS UNLIMITED, INCORPORATED  
23 SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AN ACCOUNTING  
24 OF MONEY RECEIVED AND USED UNDER SUBSECTION (2).