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Introduced by Senators Jelinek and Switalski

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 494

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending sections 208b, 217a, 232, 801, 802, 803b, 803r, 804, 806, 809, 810b, 811e, and 811h (MCL 257.208b, 257.217a, 257.232, 257.801, 257.802, 257.803b, 257.803r, 257.804, 257.806, 257.809, 257.810b, 257.811e, and 257.811h), sections 208b and 232 as amended by 2005 PA 173, sections 217a and 804 as amended and section 803r as added by 2003 PA 152, section 801 as amended by 2008 PA 7, section 802 as amended by 2004 PA 163, section 803b as amended by 2004 PA 426, section 806 as amended by 2008 PA 281, section 809 as amended by 2008 PA 280, section 810b as amended by 2006 PA 549, and sections 811e and 811h as amended by 2006 PA 562; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 208b. (1) The secretary of state may provide a commercial look-up service of records maintained under this act. For each individual record looked up, the secretary of state shall charge a fee specified annually by the legislature, or if the legislature does not specify a fee, a market-based price established by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall process a commercial look-up request only if the request is in a form or format prescribed by the secretary of state. Fees collected under this subsection on and after October 1, 2005 through October 1, 2011 shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b.

- (2) A driver training school operator shall subscribe to the commercial look-up service maintained by the secretary of state.
- (3) A driver training school operator shall maintain on the premises of the driver training school the most current copy of all nonpersonal information related to his or her driving record and the driving record of each instructor employed by the driver training school operator for review by any prospective customer or the parent or guardian of a prospective customer.

- (4) A prospective customer or the parent or guardian of a prospective customer may review a copy of all nonpersonal information related to the driving record of the driver training school operator or an instructor employed by the driver training school operator.
- (5) A driver training school operator shall include in its contract with each client, as prescribed by the secretary of state, a notice that nonpersonal information related to the driving record of each individual instructor is available for review by the general public. A driver training school operator that fails to include the information required by this subsection is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00.
- (6) Each limo carrier of passengers shall subscribe to the commercial look-up service maintained by the secretary of state.
- (7) A person who drives a limousine for hire for a limo carrier of passengers shall maintain a most current copy of all nonpersonal information related to the person's driving record in the limousine available for review by any prospective passenger.
- (8) A prospective passenger may review a copy of all nonpersonal information related to the driving record of the driver of a limousine from a limo carrier of passengers or from the driver of the limousine.
- (9) The secretary of state shall not provide an entire computerized central file or other file of records maintained under this act to a nongovernmental person or entity, unless the person or entity pays the prescribed fee for each individual record contained within the computerized file.
- (10) A driver training school operator who fails to provide the information required to be maintained by this section is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00. Each failure to provide information constitutes a separate offense.
- (11) A limo carrier of passengers who fails to provide the information required to be maintained by this section is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00. Each failure to provide information constitutes a separate offense.
- (12) The driver of a limousine who fails to provide the information required by this section is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00. Each failure to provide information constitutes a separate offense.
 - (13) As used in this section:
- (a) "Driver training school operator" means a person licensed to operate a driver training school under part 2 of former 1974 PA 369.
- (b) "Limo carrier of passengers" and "limousine" mean those terms as defined in section 3 of the limousine transportation act, 1990 PA 271, MCL 257.1903.
- Sec. 217a. (1) A person who holds an unexpired technician, general, conditional, advanced, or extra class amateur radio license issued by the federal communications commission may make application directly to the secretary of state for a registration plate inscribed with the official amateur radio call letters of the applicant as assigned by the federal communications commission.
- (2) The applicant shall prove to the satisfaction of the secretary of state that the applicant holds an unexpired amateur radio license. In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall pay a service fee of \$2.00. The \$2.00 fee shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b through October 1, 2011. A plate may be issued for a motor vehicle which bears a registration issued pursuant to section 801(1)(a) and (q).
- (3) If a plate issued under this section is used on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate was issued, the owner of the plate is guilty of a misdemeanor and the registration plate shall be surrendered to the secretary of state. A holder of a plate whose amateur radio license is not in full force and effect immediately shall surrender the call letter plate to the secretary of state and obtain a regular registration plate.
- (4) An application for a plate issued under this section shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to section 217. The expiration date for plates issued under this section shall be the date determined pursuant to section 226.
- Sec. 232. (1) Upon request, the secretary of state may furnish a list of information from the records of the department maintained under this act to a federal, state, or local governmental agency for use in carrying out the agency's functions, or to a private person or entity acting on behalf of a governmental agency for use in carrying out the agency's functions. The secretary of state may charge the requesting agency a preparation fee to cover the cost of preparing and furnishing a list provided under this subsection if the cost of preparation exceeds \$25.00, and use the revenues received from the service to defray necessary expenses. If the secretary of state sells a list of information under this subsection to a member of the state legislature, the secretary of state shall charge the same fee as the fee for the sale of information under subsection (2) unless the list of information is requested by the member of the legislature to carry out a legislative function. The secretary of state may require the requesting agency to furnish 1 or more blank computer tapes, cartridges, or other electronic media and may require the agency to execute a written memorandum of agreement as a condition of obtaining a list of information under this subsection.

- (2) The secretary of state may contract for the sale of lists of driver and motor vehicle records and other records maintained under this act in bulk, in addition to those lists distributed at cost or at no cost under this section for purposes permitted by and described in section 208c(3). The secretary of state shall require each purchaser of records in bulk to execute a written purchase contract. The secretary of state shall fix a market-based price for the sale of such lists or other records maintained in bulk, which may include personal information. The proceeds from each sale made under this subsection on and after October 1, 2005 through October 1, 2011 shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b.
- (3) The secretary of state or any other state agency shall not sell or furnish any list of information under subsection (2) for the purpose of surveys, marketing, and solicitations. The secretary of state shall ensure that personal information disclosed in bulk will be used, rented, or sold solely for uses permitted under this act.
- (4) The secretary of state may insert any safeguard the secretary considers reasonable or necessary, including a bond requirement, in a memorandum of agreement or purchase contract executed under this section, to ensure that the information provided or sold is used only for a permissible purpose and that the rights of individuals and of the department are protected.
- (5) An authorized recipient of personal information disclosed under this section who resells or rediscloses the information for any of the purposes permitted by and described in section 208c(3) shall do both of the following:
- (a) Make and keep for a period of not less than 5 years records identifying each person who received personal information from the authorized recipient and the permitted purpose for which it was obtained.
- (b) Allow a representative of the secretary of state, upon request, to inspect and copy records identifying each person who received personal information from the authorized recipient and the permitted purpose for which it was obtained.
- (6) The secretary of state shall not disclose a list based on driving behavior or sanctions to a nongovernmental agency, including an individual.
- Sec. 801. (1) The secretary of state shall collect the following taxes at the time of registering a vehicle, which shall exempt the vehicle from all other state and local taxation, except the fees and taxes provided by law to be paid by certain carriers operating motor vehicles and trailers under the motor carrier act, 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.43; the taxes imposed by the motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211 to 207.234; and except as otherwise provided by this act:
- (a) For a motor vehicle, including a motor home, except as otherwise provided, and a pickup truck or van that weighs not more than 8,000 pounds, except as otherwise provided, according to the following schedule of empty weights:

Empty weights		Tax
0 to 3,000 pounds	\$	29.00
3,001 to 3,500 pounds		32.00
3,501 to 4,000 pounds		37.00
4,001 to 4,500 pounds		43.00
4,501 to 5,000 pounds		47.00
5,001 to 5,500 pounds		52.00
5,501 to 6,000 pounds		57.00
6,001 to 6,500 pounds		62.00
6,501 to 7,000 pounds		67.00
7 001 to 7 500 pounds		71.00
7,501 to 8,000 pounds		77.00
8,001 to 8,500 pounds		81.00
8,501 to 9,000 pounds		86.00
9,001 to 9,500 pounds		91.00
9,501 to 10,000 pounds		95.00
7,501 to 8,000 pounds	00 pc	ounds
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On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use the spring preliminary report of the United States department of commerce or its successor agency. A van that is owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who transports a member of his or her household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this subdivision.

(b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle, the tax shall be assessed as provided in subdivision (l). A trailer coach not under 1959 PA 243, MCL 125.1035 to 125.1043, and while located on land otherwise assessable as real property

under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155, if the trailer coach is used as a place of habitation, and whether or not permanently affixed to the soil, is not exempt from real property taxes.

- (c) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer and used exclusively in connection with a farming operation, including a farmer hauling livestock or farm equipment for other farmers for remuneration in kind or in labor, but not for money, or used for the transportation of the farmer and the farmer's family, and not used for hire, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. If the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer is also used for a nonfarming operation, the farmer is subject to the highest registration tax applicable to the nonfarm use of the vehicle but is not subject to more than 1 tax rate under this act.
- (d) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with the wood harvesting operations or a truck used exclusively to haul milk from the farm to the first point of delivery, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. A registration secured by payment of the tax prescribed in this subdivision continues in full force and effect until the regular expiration date of the registration. As used in this subdivision:
- (i) "Wood harvester" includes the person or persons hauling and transporting raw materials in the form produced at the harvest site or hauling and transporting wood harvesting equipment. Wood harvester does not include a person or persons whose primary activity is tree-trimming or landscaping.
 - (ii) "Wood harvesting equipment" includes all of the following:
 - (A) A vehicle that directly harvests logs or timber, including, but not limited to, a processor or a feller buncher.
- (B) A vehicle that directly processes harvested logs or timber, including, but not limited to, a slasher, delimber, processor, chipper, or saw table.
- (C) A vehicle that directly processes harvested logs or timber, including, but not limited to, a forwarder, grapple skidder, or cable skidder.
- (D) A vehicle that directly loads harvested logs or timber, including, but not limited to, a knuckle-boom loader, frontend loader, or forklift.
- (E) A bulldozer or road grader being transported to a wood harvesting site specifically for the purpose of building or maintaining harvest site roads.
- (iii) "Wood harvesting operations" does not include the transportation of processed lumber, Christmas trees, or processed firewood for a profit making venture.
- (e) For a hearse or ambulance used exclusively by a licensed funeral director in the general conduct of the licensee's funeral business, including a hearse or ambulance whose owner is engaged in the business of leasing or renting the hearse or ambulance to others, \$1.17 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the hearse or ambulance.
- (f) For a vehicle owned and operated by this state, a state institution, a municipality, a privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department, or a nonpublic, nonprofit college or university, \$5.00 per plate. A registration plate issued under this subdivision expires on June 30 of the year in which new registration plates are reissued for all vehicles by the secretary of state.
- (g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes, parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior citizen center, \$10.00, if the bus, station wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle or motor vehicle is designated by proper signs showing the organization operating the vehicle.
- (h) For a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; for a vehicle owned by the civil air patrol, as organized under 36 USC 40301 to 40307, \$10.00 per plate, if the vehicle is designated by a proper sign showing the civil air patrol's name; for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans center; for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit conservation organization; for a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or ship's body that is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and used exclusively in parades and civic events; or for an emergency support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable organization, \$10.00 per plate.
- (i) For each truck owned and operated free of charge by a bona fide ecclesiastical or charitable corporation, or red cross, girl scout, or boy scout organization, 65 cents per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the truck.
- (j) For each truck, weighing 8,000 pounds or less, and not used to tow a vehicle, for each privately owned truck used to tow a trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved in a profit making venture, and for each vehicle designed and used to tow a mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided in subdivision (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the following schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

Empty weights	Per 100	pounds
0 to 2,500 pounds	. \$	1.40
2,501 to 4,000 pounds		1.76

4,001 to 6,000 pounds	2.20
6,001 to 8,000 pounds	2.72
8,001 to 10,000 pounds	3.25
10,001 to 15,000 pounds	3.77
15,001 pounds and over	4.39

If the tax required under subdivision (p) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list price as the vehicle for which registration is sought under this subdivision is more than the tax provided under the preceding provisions of this subdivision for an identical vehicle, the tax required under this subdivision is not less than the tax required under subdivision (p) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list price.

(k) For each truck weighing 8,000 pounds or less towing a trailer or any other combination of vehicles and for each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor or truck tractor, except as provided in subdivision (j) according to the following schedule of elected gross weights:

Elected gross weight	Tax
0 to 24,000 pounds	\$ 491.00
24,001 to 26,000 pounds	558.00
0 to 24,000 pounds	558.00
28,001 to 32,000 pounds	649.00
32,001 to 36,000 pounds	744.00
36,001 to 42,000 pounds	874.00
42,001 to 48,000 pounds	1,005.00
48,001 to 54,000 pounds	1,135.00
54,001 to 60,000 pounds	1,268.00
60,001 to 66,000 pounds	1,398.00
48,001 to 54,000 pounds	1,529.00
72,001 to 80,000 pounds	1,660.00
80,001 to 90,000 pounds	1,793.00
90,001 to 100,000 pounds	2,002.00
100,001 to 115,000 pounds	2,223.00
115,001 to 130,000 pounds	2,448.00
130,001 to 145,000 pounds	2,670.00
145,001 to 160,000 pounds	2,894.00
130,001 to 145,000 pounds	3,117.00

For each commercial vehicle registered under this subdivision, \$15.00 shall be deposited in a truck safety fund to be expended for the purposes prescribed in section 25 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.675.

If a truck or road tractor without trailer is leased from an individual owner-operator, the lessee, whether a person, firm, or corporation, shall pay to the owner-operator 60% of the tax prescribed in this subdivision for the truck tractor or road tractor at the rate of 1/12 for each month of the lease or arrangement in addition to the compensation the owner-operator is entitled to for the rental of his or her equipment.

(l) For each pole trailer, semitrailer, trailer coach, or trailer, the tax shall be assessed according to the following schedule of empty weights:

Empty weights	Tax
0 to 2,499 pounds	\$ 75.00
2,500 to 9,999 pounds	200.00
10,000 pounds and over	300.00

The registration plate issued under this subdivision expires only when the secretary of state reissues a new registration plate for all trailers. Beginning October 1, 2005, if the secretary of state reissues a new registration plate for all trailers, a person who has once paid the tax as increased by 2003 PA 152 for a vehicle under this subdivision is not required to pay the tax for that vehicle a second time, but is required to pay only the cost of the reissued plate at the rate provided in section 804(2) for a standard plate. A registration plate issued under this subdivision is nontransferable.

(m) For each commercial vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for hire except for a vehicle for which a payment is made under 1960 PA 2, MCL 257.971 to 257.972, according to the following schedule of empty weights:

Empty weights	P	er 10	00 pounds
0 to 4,000 pounds		\$	1.76
			2.20
			2.72
			3.25
(n) For each motorcycle		\$	23.00

On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use the spring preliminary report of the United States department of commerce or its successor agency.

Beginning January 1, 1984, the registration tax for each motorcycle is increased by \$3.00. The \$3.00 increase is not part of the tax assessed under this subdivision for the purpose of the annual October 1 revisions but is in addition to the tax assessed as a result of the annual October 1 revisions. Beginning January 1, 1984, \$3.00 of each motorcycle fee shall be placed in a motorcycle safety fund in the state treasury and shall be used only for funding the motorcycle safety education program as provided for under sections 312b and 811a.

- (o) For each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or part of a moving van in transporting household furniture and household effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting carnivals, at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross weights in subdivision (k) as modified by the operation of that subdivision.
- (p) After September 30, 1983, each motor vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year as shown on the application required under section 217 that has not been previously subject to the tax rates of this section and that is of the motor vehicle category otherwise subject to the tax schedule described in subdivision (a), and each low-speed vehicle according to the following schedule based upon registration periods of 12 months:
- (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for the first registration that is not a transfer registration under section 809 and for the first registration after a transfer registration under section 809, according to the following schedule based on the vehicle's list price:

List Price	Tax
\$ 0 - \$ 6,000.00	\$ 30.00
More than \$ 6,000.00 - \$ 7,000.00	\$ 33.00
More than \$ 7,000.00 - \$ 8,000.00	\$ 38.00
More than \$ 8,000.00 - \$ 9,000.00	\$ 43.00
More than \$ 9,000.00 - \$ 10,000.00	\$ 48.00
More than \$ 10,000.00 - \$ 11,000.00	\$ 53.00
More than \$ 11,000.00 - \$ 12,000.00	\$ 58.00
More than \$ 12,000.00 - \$ 13,000.00	\$ 63.00
More than \$ 13,000.00 - \$ 14,000.00	\$ 68.00
More than \$ 14,000.00 - \$ 15,000.00	\$ 73.00
More than \$ 15,000.00 - \$ 16,000.00	\$ 78.00
More than \$ 16,000.00 - \$ 17,000.00	\$ 83.00
More than \$ 17,000.00 - \$ 18,000.00	\$ 88.00
More than \$ 18,000.00 - \$ 19,000.00	\$ 93.00
More than \$ 19,000.00 - \$ 20,000.00	\$ 98.00
More than \$ 20,000.00 - \$ 21,000.00	\$ 103.00
More than \$ 21,000.00 - \$ 22,000.00	\$ 108.00
More than \$ 22,000.00 - \$ 23,000.00	\$ 113.00
More than \$ 23,000.00 - \$ 24,000.00	\$ 118.00
More than \$ 24,000.00 - \$ 25,000.00	\$ 123.00
More than \$ 25,000.00 - \$ 26,000.00	\$ 128.00
More than \$ 26,000.00 - \$ 27,000.00	\$ 133.00
More than \$ 27,000.00 - \$ 28,000.00	\$ 138.00
More than \$ 28,000.00 - \$ 29,000.00	\$ 143.00
More than \$ 29,000.00 - \$ 30,000.00	\$ 148.00

More than \$30,000.00, the tax of \$148.00 is increased by \$5.00 for each \$1,000.00 increment or fraction of a \$1,000.00 increment over \$30,000.00. If a current tax increases or decreases as a result of 1998 PA 384, only a vehicle purchased or transferred after January 1, 1999 shall be assessed the increased or decreased tax.

- (ii) For the second registration, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (i).
- (iii) For the third registration, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (ii).
- (iv) For the fourth and subsequent registrations, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (iii).

For a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has been previously registered by a person other than the person applying for registration or for a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has been previously registered in another state or country and is registered for the first time in this state, the tax under this subdivision shall be determined by subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the calendar year for which the registration is sought. If the result is zero or a negative figure, the first registration tax shall be paid. If the result is 1, 2, or 3 or more,

then, respectively, the second, third, or subsequent registration tax shall be paid. A van that is owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who transports a member of his or her household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this subdivision.

- (q) For a wrecker, \$200.00.
- (r) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this section, a computation that does not result in a whole dollar figure shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar when the computation results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and shall be rounded to the next higher whole dollar when the computation results in a figure ending in 51 cents or more, unless specific taxes are specified, and the secretary of state may accept the manufacturer's shipping weight of the vehicle fully equipped for the use for which the registration application is made. If the weight is not correctly stated or is not satisfactory, the secretary of state shall determine the actual weight. Each application for registration of a vehicle under subdivisions (j) and (m) shall have attached to the application a scale weight receipt of the vehicle fully equipped as of the time the application is made. The scale weight receipt is not necessary if there is presented with the application a registration receipt of the previous year that shows on its face the weight of the motor vehicle as registered with the secretary of state and that is accompanied by a statement of the applicant that there has not been a structural change in the motor vehicle that has increased the weight and that the previous registered weight is the true weight.
- (2) A manufacturer is not exempted under this act from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond, except on the specified number of motor vehicles registered. A dealer is exempt from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond.
- (3) Until October 1, 2011, the tax for a vehicle with an empty weight over 10,000 pounds imposed under subsection (1)(a) and the taxes imposed under subsection (1)(c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j), (m), (o), and (p) are each increased as follows:
- (a) A regulatory fee of \$2.25 that shall be credited to the traffic law enforcement and safety fund created in section 819a and used to regulate highway safety.
 - (b) A fee of \$5.75 that shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b.
- (4) If a tax required to be paid under this section is not received by the secretary of state on or before the expiration date of the registration plate, the secretary of state shall collect a late fee of \$10.00 for each registration renewed after the expiration date. An application for a renewal of a registration using the regular mail and postmarked before the expiration date of that registration shall not be assessed a late fee. The late fee collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the general fund.
 - (5) As used in this section:
- (a) "Gross proceeds" means that term as defined in section 1 of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51, and includes the value of the motor vehicle used as part payment of the purchase price as that value is agreed to by the parties to the sale, as evidenced by the signed agreement executed under section 251.
- (b) "List price" means the manufacturer's suggested base list price as published by the secretary of state, or the manufacturer's suggested retail price as shown on the label required to be affixed to the vehicle under 15 USC 1232, if the secretary of state has not at the time of the sale of the vehicle published a manufacturer's suggested retail price for that vehicle, or the purchase price of the vehicle if the manufacturer's suggested base list price is unavailable from the sources described in this subdivision.
- (c) "Purchase price" means the gross proceeds received by the seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle being registered.
- Sec. 802. (1) For a special registration issued as provided for in section 226(8), there shall be paid 1/2 the tax imposed under section 801 and in addition a service fee of \$10.00.
- (2) For all commercial vehicles registered after August 31 for the period expiring the last day of February, a tax of 1/2 the rate otherwise imposed by this act shall be collected. This subsection does not apply to vehicles registered by manufacturers or dealers under sections 244 to 247.
 - (3) For each special registration as provided for in section 226(9), a service fee of \$10.00 shall be collected.
- (4) For temporary registration plates or markers as provided for in section 226a(1), a service fee of \$5.00 for each group of 5 of those temporary registration plates or markers shall be collected.
 - (5) For a temporary registration as provided in section 226b, the fee shall be either of the following:
- (a) For a 30-day temporary registration, 1/10 of the fee prescribed under section 801 or \$20.00, whichever is greater, and an additional \$10.00 service fee.
- (b) For a 60-day temporary registration, 1/5 of the fee prescribed under section 801 or \$40.00, whichever is greater, and an additional \$10.00 service fee.

- (6) For registration plates as provided for in section 226a(5), (6), and (7), a service fee of \$40.00 for 2 registration plates and \$20.00 for each additional registration plate shall be collected.
- (7) For special registrations issued for special mobile equipment as provided in section 216(d), a service fee of \$15.00 each for the first 3 special registrations, and \$5.00 for each special registration issued in excess of the first 3 shall be collected.
- (8) The secretary of state, upon request, may issue a registration valid for 3 months for use on a vehicle with an elected gross weight of 24,000 pounds or greater on the payment of 1/4 the full registration fee provided in section 801(1)(k) and in addition a service fee of \$10.00.
- (9) Upon application to the secretary of state, an owner of a truck, truck tractor, or road tractor that is used exclusively for the purpose of gratuitously transporting farm crops or livestock bedding between the field where produced and the place of storage, feed from on-farm storage to an on-farm feeding site, or fertilizer, seed, or spray material from the farm location to the field may obtain a special registration. The service fee for each special registration shall be \$20.00. The special registration shall be valid for a period of up to 12 months and shall expire on December 31. As used in this subsection:
 - (a) "Feed" means hay or silage.
 - (b) "Livestock bedding" means straw, sawdust, or sand.
- (10) The secretary of state, upon request, may issue a special registration valid for 3 or more months for a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer, if the motor vehicle is used exclusively in connection with the farmer's farming operations or for the transportation of the farmer and the farmer's family and not used for hire. The fee for the registration shall be 1/10 of the fee provided in section 801(1)(c) times the number of months for which the special registration is requested and, in addition, a service fee of \$10.00. No special registration shall be issued for a motor vehicle for which the fee under section 801(1)(c) would be less than \$50.00.
- (11) The secretary of state, upon request, may issue a registration valid for 3 months or more for use on a vehicle with an elected gross weight of 24,000 pounds or greater. The fee for the registration shall be 1/12 of the fee provided in section 801(1)(k), times the number of months for which the special registration is requested and, in addition, a service fee of \$10.00.
- (12) The service fees collected under subsections (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), and (11) shall be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b through October 1, 2011.
- Sec. 803b. (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personalized vehicle registration plate which shall be used on the passenger motor vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor home, hearse, bus, trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is issued instead of a standard plate. Personalized plates shall bear letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes. The secretary of state shall not issue a letter combination which might carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency. The personalized plates shall be made of the same material as standard plates. Personalized plates shall not be a duplication of another registration plate.
- (2) An application for a personalized registration plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to section 217. Application for an original personalized registration plate shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for the first month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month of the registration period in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be obtained by requesting that option on the application and paying an additional service fee of \$5.00. The original and duplicate service fees shall be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b through October 1, 2011. Application for the renewal of a personalized registration plate shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. The service fee shall be credited to the Michigan transportation fund and shall be allocated pursuant to section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660. The amount allocated to the state trunk line fund shall be used by the state transportation department for litter pickup and cleanup on state roads and rights of way.
- (3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate shall be pursuant to section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration. Upon the renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for the rear plate designating the next expiration date of the plate. Upon renewal, the secretary of state shall not issue the owner a new exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate is illegible and the owner pays the service fee and registration fee for an original personalized registration plate.
- (4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of letters and numbers on a personalized plate shall not be given to a different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom the plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date of the plate.
- (5) An applicant who applies for a registration plate under section 217d, 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, or 803o is eligible to request, and the secretary of state may issue, the registration plate with a sequence of letters and numbers otherwise authorized under this section.

(6) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a personalized plate if the applicant's vehicle registration may expire prior to receipt of his or her personalized plate. The temporary registration shall be valid for not more than 60 days after the date of issuance. The temporary permit shall be issued without a fee.

Sec. 803r. The service fees collected under sections 803e, 803f, 803i, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803m, 803n, and 803o shall be deposited into the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b through October 1, 2011.

- Sec. 804. (1) In addition to any other fees required under this act, a \$5.00 service fee shall be paid with each application for each distinctive or commemorative plate provided for in this act to cover manufacturing and issuance costs unless these costs are otherwise specifically provided for in this act.
- (2) Each applicant for a duplicate or replacement license plate provided for in this act shall pay the following service fee to the secretary of state, in addition to any other fees required under this act:
- (a) Five dollars for a standard or graphic standard plate, personalized registration plate, veterans special registration plate, or other registration plate for which the duplicate or replacement fee has not been specified in this act.
 - (b) Ten dollars for a set of plates provided for in section 803m.
- (c) Ten dollars for each fund-raising registration plate issued under section 811e or 811f, or collector plate described in section 811g.
- (3) The service fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b through October 1, 2011.
- Sec. 806. (1) Until October 1, 2011, a fee of \$10.00 shall accompany each application for a certificate of title required by this act or for a duplicate of a certificate of title. An additional fee of \$5.00 shall accompany an application if the applicant requests that the application be given special expeditious treatment. A \$3.00 service fee shall be collected, in addition to the other fees collected under this subsection, for each title issued and shall be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b through October 1, 2011. The \$5.00 expeditious treatment fee collected on and after October 1, 2004 through October 1, 2011 shall be deposited into the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b.
 - (2) A fee of \$10.00 shall accompany an application for a special identifying number as provided in section 230.
- (3) In addition to paying the fees required by subsection (1), until December 31, 2012, each person who applies for a certificate of title, a salvage vehicle certificate of title, or a scrap certificate of title under this act shall pay a tire disposal surcharge of \$1.50 for each certificate of title or duplicate of a certificate of title that person receives. The secretary of state shall deposit money received under this subsection into the scrap tire regulatory fund created in section 16908 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.16908.
- Sec. 809. (1) An application for transfer of registration from a vehicle subject to section 801(1)(a) to another vehicle subject to that section shall be accompanied by a fee of \$8.00. In addition to the fee of \$8.00, if the registration is transferred from a passenger vehicle to a motor home and if the registration fee for the motor home is greater than the fee paid upon registration of the vehicle from which the registration was removed, then the difference in fee shall be paid by the applicant. If the fee is less than that paid for the registration of the vehicle from which the plates were removed, the difference shall not be refunded. The fees required by this subsection shall be considered to include all fees or charges imposed by this act for the transfer of registration, except those which may be assessed under section 234.
- (2) An application for a transfer of registration, other than a transfer described in subsection (1), shall be accompanied by a fee of \$8.00. In addition to the fee of \$8.00, if the registration plates are transferred to another vehicle, as provided in section 233, and if the plate fee for a 12-month registration for the vehicle to which the registration is transferred is greater than the plate fee paid upon registration of the vehicle from which the registration was removed, then the difference shall be paid by the applicant for the new registration. If the fee is less than that paid for registration of the vehicle from which the registration was removed, the difference shall not be refunded.
- (3) A transfer of registration fee collected under this section on and after October 1, 2004 through October 1, 2011 shall be deposited into the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b.

Sec. 810b. (1) The transportation administration collection fund is created within the state treasury.

- (2) The state treasurer may receive money from the collections authorized under this act for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.
 - (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Michigan transportation fund.

- (4) Except as provided in subsection (6), upon appropriation, the department of state shall expend money from the fund that is credited to the fund from revenue collected under sections 801 to 810 only to pay the necessary collection expenses incurred by the department of state in the administration and enforcement of sections 801 to 810.
- (5) The department of treasury shall expend money in the fund, upon appropriation, only to defray the costs of collecting motor fuel taxes.
- (6) The department of state shall expend money as appropriated from the fund that is credited to the fund on or after October 1, 2005 under each of the following sections of law to pay either the necessary collection of expenses incurred by the department of state in the administration and enforcement of sections 801 to 810 or other necessary expenses:
 - (a) Sections 208b and 232.
 - (b) Section 7 of 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.297.
- (c) Sections 80130, 80315, 81114, and 82156 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80130, 324.80315, 324.81114, and 324.82156.
- (7) The department of state shall, by January 1 of each year, file a report with the secretary of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives providing an itemized list of deposits into and expenditures from the fund for the preceding fiscal year.
- (8) The state transportation department shall review all funds received by the state transportation department from funding sources provided for under this act to determine whether those funds can be used to leverage additional federal funds.
- Sec. 811e. (1) Beginning January 1, 2007, the secretary of state may develop a fund-raising plate as provided in this section.
- (2) A start-up fee of \$15,000.00 shall be paid for any new fund-raising plate authorized under this section. The fee shall be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund through October 1, 2011 to be used for the cost of creating, producing, and issuing fund-raising plates. If the fee described in this subsection is not paid within 18 months of the effective date of the public act that authorizes the development and issuance of a fund-raising plate, then the related fund-raising plate shall not be created, produced, or issued. A start-up fee paid under this subsection is nonrefundable.
- (3) Not less than 3 years after the secretary of state first issues 1 of the fund-raising plates as described in subsection (1) and upon payment of \$2,000.00, the Michigan university or other person sponsoring that fund-raising plate may redesign it as approved by the secretary of state. The payment required under this subsection shall be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund through October 1, 2011 to be used for the cost of creating, producing, and issuing fund-raising plates. A payment under this subsection is nonrefundable.
- (4) The secretary of state may develop 1 or more limited term registration plates to recognize a Michigan university or an accomplishment or occasion of a Michigan university.
- (5) The secretary of state may, at any 1 time, develop not more than 8 different state sponsored fund-raising registration plates as described in this section, and matching state-sponsored collector plates as described in section 811g.
- (6) The secretary of state shall not develop or issue a fund-raising plate unless a public act authorizing the fund-raising plate, at a minimum, does all of the following:
 - (a) Identifies the purpose of the fund-raising plate.
- (b) Creates a nonprofit fund or designates an existing nonprofit fund to receive the money raised through the sale of fund-raising plates and matching collector plates.
 - (c) If a fund is created, names the person or entity responsible for administering the fund.
- Sec. 811h. (1) Each service fee collected under sections 811f and 811g shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b through October 1, 2011.
- (2) The secretary of state shall identify and segregate the fund-raising donations collected under sections 811f and 811g into separate accounts. The secretary of state shall create a separate account for each fund-raising plate and its collector plates issued or sold by the secretary of state.
- (3) As determined necessary by the secretary of state but not more than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter, the secretary of state shall not less than once each calendar quarter authorize the disbursement of fund-raising donations segregated under subsection (2) and, independent from any disbursement under subsection (2), report the number of each type of fund-raising and collector plates issued, sold, or renewed to the following, as appropriate:
 - (a) The treasurer of a Michigan university.

- (b) The person or entity identified in a public act pursuant to section 811e to administer a state-sponsored fundraising registration plate fund.
- (c) The sponsor of a fund-raising plate issued as prescribed under section 811e that was developed and issued after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision.
- (4) A fund-raising plate created after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection shall meet or exceed the following sales goals:
 - (a) In the first year, 2,000 plates.
 - (b) In the second and each subsequent year for 5 years, 500 original plates.
- (5) The secretary of state may cease to issue a fund-raising plate or to issue a duplicate replacement of a fund-raising plate for use on a vehicle if that fund-raising plate fails to meet a sales goal described in subsection (4). The secretary of state may also cease to sell a collector plate that matches the discontinued fund-raising plate. However, the secretary of state may continue to renew fund-raising plates already issued and collect the renewal fund-raising donation for those plates.
- (6) The state of Michigan, through the secretary of state, shall own all right, title, and interest in all fund-raising plates and collector plates, including the right to use, reproduce, or distribute a fund-raising or collector plate or the image of a fund-raising or collector plate in any form. The secretary of state may authorize the commercial or other use of a fund-raising or collector plate design, logo, or image if written consent is obtained from the pertinent Michigan university or other person that sponsored a fund-raising plate. However, the secretary of state shall not authorize the commercial or other use of a fund-raising or collector plate under this section unless the user first agrees in writing to the terms and conditions that the secretary of state considers necessary. Those terms and conditions may include the payment of royalty fees to 1 or more of the following:
 - (a) This state.
 - (b) A Michigan university.
 - (c) Another person that sponsored a fund-raising plate.
- (7) A royalty fee paid to this state under a written agreement described in subsection (6) shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund through October 1, 2011.
- (8) Beginning not later than February 1, 2007, and annually after that, an organization receiving fund-raising donations disbursed under this section shall report to the state treasurer. A report under this subsection shall include a summary of expenditures during the preceding year of the money received under this section.

Enacting section 1. Enacting section 2 of 2003 PA 152 is repealed.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect September 30, 2009.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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	Secretary of the Senate
	Fichard J. Brown
	Clerk of the House of Representatives
Approved	

Governor