

# HOUSE BILL No. 4036

January 22, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Geiss and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 224 (MCL 257.224), as amended by 2006 PA 177.

## 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  
8       furnished by the secretary of state. **A REGISTRATION PLATE OR SCHEME**  
9       **SHALL EXCLUSIVELY DISPLAY, DISSEMINATE, OR CONVEY INFORMATION IN A**

1 VISUAL MANNER, AND SHALL NOT INDICATE THE AGE OR RELATIVE AGE OF A  
2 REGISTERED OWNER OR VEHICLE OPERATOR THROUGH THE USE OF COLOR,  
3 NUMBER, LETTER, SYMBOL, OR OTHER METHOD.

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

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

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

(5) ~~Beginning January 1, 2007, the~~ **THE** department shall not  
 issue or transfer a standard design beads on paint registration  
 plate or issue a registration tab or sticker for that plate, but  
 shall offer a ~~new~~ standard design registration plate that complies  
 with the requirements of this act, ~~-. The new standard design~~  
~~registration plate shall be~~ **IS** of a common color scheme and design,  
~~that~~ **AND** is made of fully reflectorized material ~~and shall be~~ **THAT**  
**IS** clearly visible at night. ~~The implementation of this subsection~~  
~~is contingent upon appropriations sufficient to cover the costs to~~

~~the department of designing, manufacturing, distributing, and issuing the new standard design registration plate. The secretary of state shall file a written report with the secretary of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives of the costs incurred and revenue expended to meet the requirements of this subsection within 30 days after all of the standard design beads on paint registration plates to be replaced under this subsection have been replaced.~~

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

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

(8) A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for nonresidents, and by assignment provided in subsection (3).

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

**(10) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT RENEW AN AUTO CENTENNIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.**

1           (11) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, BEGINNING  
2 JUNE 1, 2013, A REGISTRATION PLATE NEWLY OR PREVIOUSLY ISSUED BY  
3 THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE RENEWED AFTER A  
4 PERIOD OF 12 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE PLATE'S ISSUANCE. THE OWNER  
5 OF A VEHICLE WHOSE REGISTRATION PLATE IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING  
6 RENEWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PAY THE SAME FEE FOR A NEW  
7 REGISTRATION PLATE AS THE FEE REQUIRED FOR A DUPLICATE OR  
8 REPLACEMENT STANDARD OR GRAPHIC STANDARD PLATE UNDER SECTION 804.  
9 ON OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
10 PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE THAT CONTAINS ALL OF THE  
11 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

12           (A) AN ITEMIZATION OF ALL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
13 IN COMPLYING WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

14           (B) THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATION PLATES REQUIRED TO BE REPLACED  
15 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

16           (C) THE COST OF PROGRAMMING AND PRODUCTION.

17           (D) WHETHER ANY MANUFACTURED REGISTRATION PLATE LOTS OR SERIES  
18 CONTAINED REGISTRATION PLATES THAT VIOLATED ANY PROMULGATED  
19 STANDARDS OR VENDOR WARRANTIES, OR WERE SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND TO BE  
20 RELATIVELY SUBSTANDARD BY THE DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION DESIGNEE,  
21 OR CONTRACTUAL AGENT.