

SENATE BILL No. 268

March 19, 2013, Introduced by Senators HUNTER, HANSEN, COLBECK, JONES, MARLEAU, JANSEN and GREEN and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 224 (MCL 257.224), as amended by 2012 PA 491.

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.

9 (3) A registration plate issued for motor vehicles owned and

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

13 (4) A registration plate issued for a vehicle owned by the
14 civil air patrol as organized under 36 USC 201 to 208; a vehicle
15 owned by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment
16 for providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; an emergency
17 support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and
18 operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable
19 organization; a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans
20 center; a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or
21 ship's body ~~which~~ **THAT** is owned by a nonprofit veterans
22 organization and used exclusively in parades and civic events; a
23 ~~vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a~~
24 ~~federally recognized nonprofit conservation organization until~~
25 ~~December 31, 2000;~~ a motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior
26 citizen center; and a registration plate issued for buses including
27 station wagons, carryalls, or similarly constructed vehicles owned

1 and operated by a nonprofit parents' transportation corporation
2 used for school purposes, parochial school, society, church Sunday
3 school, or other grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth
4 organization or nonprofit rehabilitation facility shall be issued
5 upon proper application and payment of the applicable tax provided
6 in section 801(1)(g) or (h) to the applicant for the vehicle
7 identified in the application. The vehicle shall be used
8 exclusively for activities of the school or organization and shall
9 be designated by proper signs showing the school or organization
10 operating the vehicle. The registration plate ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES**
11 on December 31 in the fifth year following the date of issuance.
12 The registration plate may be transferred to another vehicle upon
13 proper application and payment of a \$10.00 transfer fee.

14 (5) The department shall not issue or transfer a standard
15 design beads on paint registration plate or issue a registration
16 tab or sticker for that plate, but shall offer a new standard
17 design registration plate that complies with the requirements of
18 this act. The new standard design registration plate shall be of a
19 common color scheme and design that is made of fully reflectorized
20 material and shall be clearly visible at night. **AS AN ALTERNATIVE**
21 **TO THE STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION PLATE REQUIRED UNDER THIS**
22 **SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEVELOP AND OFFER A**
23 **VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE WITH THE WORDS "IN GOD WE TRUST"**
24 **INSCRIBED ON THE PLATE. THE "IN GOD WE TRUST" VEHICLE REGISTRATION**
25 **PLATE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT.** The
26 implementation of this subsection is contingent upon appropriations
27 sufficient to cover the costs to the department of designing,

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

8 (6) The department may use the Pure Michigan brand or a
9 successor or similar brand that is used in conjunction with the
10 state's promotion, travel, and tourism campaigns or marketing
11 efforts as part of the standard design for registration plates.

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

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

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

26 (10) The registration plate displayed on a vehicle registered
27 on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the elected

1 gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.