

HOUSE BILL No. 4612

May 14, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Leutheuser and Inman and referred to the Committee on Roads and Economic Development.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 2012 PA 498.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 801. (1) The secretary of state shall collect the
2 following taxes at the time of registering a vehicle, which shall
3 exempt the vehicle from all other state and local taxation, except
4 the fees and taxes provided by law to be paid by certain carriers
5 operating motor vehicles and trailers under the motor carrier act,
6 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to ~~479.43~~, **479.42**; the taxes imposed by the
7 motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211 to 207.234;
8 and except as otherwise provided by this act:

9 (a) For a motor vehicle, including a motor home, except as

1 otherwise provided, and a pickup truck or van that weighs not more
 2 than 8,000 pounds, except as otherwise provided, according to the
 3 following schedule of empty weights:

4	Empty weights	Tax
5	0 to 3,000 pounds.....	\$ 29.00
6	3,001 to 3,500 pounds.....	32.00
7	3,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	37.00
8	4,001 to 4,500 pounds.....	43.00
9	4,501 to 5,000 pounds.....	47.00
10	5,001 to 5,500 pounds.....	52.00
11	5,501 to 6,000 pounds.....	57.00
12	6,001 to 6,500 pounds.....	62.00
13	6,501 to 7,000 pounds.....	67.00
14	7,001 to 7,500 pounds.....	71.00
15	7,501 to 8,000 pounds.....	77.00
16	8,001 to 8,500 pounds.....	81.00
17	8,501 to 9,000 pounds.....	86.00
18	9,001 to 9,500 pounds.....	91.00
19	9,501 to 10,000 pounds.....	95.00
20	over 10,000 pounds.....	\$ 0.90 per 100 pounds
21		of empty weight

22 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed
 23 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the
 24 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that
 25 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year
 26 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar

1 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar
2 year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the
3 calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall
4 use the spring preliminary report of the United States department
5 of commerce or its successor agency. A van that is owned by an
6 individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who transports
7 a member of his or her household who uses a wheelchair and for
8 which registration plates are issued under section 803d shall be
9 assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this
10 subdivision.

11 (b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle, the tax
12 shall be assessed as provided in subdivision (l). A trailer coach
13 not under 1959 PA 243, MCL 125.1035 to 125.1043, and while located
14 on land otherwise assessable as real property under the general
15 property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155, if the trailer
16 coach is used as a place of habitation, and whether or not
17 permanently affixed to the soil, is not exempt from real property
18 taxes.

19 (c) For a road tractor, modified agricultural vehicle, truck,
20 or truck tractor owned by a farmer and used exclusively in
21 connection with a farming operation, including a farmer hauling
22 livestock or farm equipment for other farmers for remuneration in
23 kind or in labor, but not for money, or used for the transportation
24 of the farmer and the farmer's family, and not used for hire, 74
25 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or
26 truck tractor. If the road tractor, modified agricultural vehicle,
27 truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer is also used for a

1 nonfarming operation, the farmer is subject to the highest
2 registration tax applicable to the nonfarm use of the vehicle but
3 is not subject to more than 1 tax rate under this act.

4 (d) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a
5 wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with the wood
6 harvesting operations or a truck used exclusively to haul milk from
7 the farm to the first point of delivery, 74 cents per 100 pounds of
8 empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. A
9 registration secured by payment of the tax prescribed in this
10 subdivision continues in full force and effect until the regular
11 expiration date of the registration. As used in this subdivision:

12 (i) "Wood harvester" includes the person or persons hauling
13 and transporting raw materials in the form produced at the harvest
14 site or hauling and transporting wood harvesting equipment. Wood
15 harvester does not include a person or persons whose primary
16 activity is tree-trimming or landscaping.

17 (ii) "Wood harvesting equipment" includes all of the
18 following:

19 (A) A vehicle that directly harvests logs or timber,
20 including, but not limited to, a processor or a feller buncher.

21 (B) A vehicle that directly processes harvested logs or
22 timber, including, but not limited to, a slasher, delimber,
23 processor, chipper, or saw table.

24 (C) A vehicle that directly processes harvested logs or
25 timber, including, but not limited to, a forwarder, grapple
26 skidder, or cable skidder.

27 (D) A vehicle that directly loads harvested logs or timber,

1 including, but not limited to, a knuckle-boom loader, front-end
2 loader, or forklift.

3 (E) A bulldozer or road grader being transported to a wood
4 harvesting site specifically for the purpose of building or
5 maintaining harvest site roads.

6 (iii) "Wood harvesting operations" does not include the
7 transportation of processed lumber, Christmas trees, or processed
8 firewood for a profit making venture.

9 (e) For a hearse or ambulance used exclusively by a licensed
10 funeral director in the general conduct of the licensee's funeral
11 business, including a hearse or ambulance whose owner is engaged in
12 the business of leasing or renting the hearse or ambulance to
13 others, \$1.17 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the hearse or
14 ambulance.

15 (f) For a vehicle owned and operated by this state, a state
16 institution, a municipality, a privately incorporated, nonprofit
17 volunteer fire department, or a nonpublic, nonprofit college or
18 university, \$5.00 per plate. A registration plate issued under this
19 subdivision expires on June 30 of the year in which new
20 registration plates are reissued for all vehicles by the secretary
21 of state.

22 (g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or
23 similarly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit
24 parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes,
25 parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other
26 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit
27 rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by a

1 senior citizen center, \$10.00, if the bus, station wagon, carryall,
2 or similarly constructed vehicle or motor vehicle is designated by
3 proper signs showing the organization operating the vehicle.

4 (h) For a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used
5 to transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to children
6 at camp; for a vehicle owned by the civil air patrol, as organized
7 under 36 USC 40301 to 40307, \$10.00 per plate, if the vehicle is
8 designated by a proper sign showing the civil air patrol's name;
9 for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans center;
10 for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit recycling center or
11 a federally recognized nonprofit conservation organization; for a
12 motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or ship's
13 body that is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and used
14 exclusively in parades and civic events; or for an emergency
15 support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and
16 operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable
17 organization, \$10.00 per plate.

18 (i) For each truck owned and operated free of charge by a bona
19 fide ecclesiastical or charitable corporation, or red cross, girl
20 scout, or boy scout organization, 65 cents per 100 pounds of the
21 empty weight of the truck.

22 (j) For each truck, weighing 8,000 pounds or less, and not
23 used to tow a vehicle, for each privately owned truck used to tow a
24 trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved in a profit
25 making venture, and for each vehicle designed and used to tow a
26 mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided in subdivision
27 (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the following

1 schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

2	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
3	0 to 2,500 pounds.....	\$ 1.40
4	2,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	1.76
5	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
6	6,001 to 8,000 pounds.....	2.72
7	8,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	3.25
8	10,001 to 15,000 pounds.....	3.77
9	15,001 pounds and over.....	4.39

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

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

22	Elected gross weight	Tax
23	0 to 24,000 pounds.....	\$ 491.00
24	24,001 to 26,000 pounds.....	558.00
25	26,001 to 28,000 pounds.....	558.00
26	28,001 to 32,000 pounds.....	649.00

1	32,001 to 36,000 pounds.....	744.00
2	36,001 to 42,000 pounds.....	874.00
3	42,001 to 48,000 pounds.....	1,005.00
4	48,001 to 54,000 pounds.....	1,135.00
5	54,001 to 60,000 pounds.....	1,268.00
6	60,001 to 66,000 pounds.....	1,398.00
7	66,001 to 72,000 pounds.....	1,529.00
8	72,001 to 80,000 pounds.....	1,660.00
9	80,001 to 90,000 pounds.....	1,793.00
10	90,001 to 100,000 pounds.....	2,002.00
11	100,001 to 115,000 pounds.....	2,223.00
12	115,001 to 130,000 pounds.....	2,448.00
13	130,001 to 145,000 pounds.....	2,670.00
14	145,001 to 160,000 pounds.....	2,894.00
15	over 160,000 pounds.....	3,117.00

16 For each commercial vehicle registered under this subdivision,
17 \$15.00 shall be deposited in a truck safety fund to be expended for
18 the purposes prescribed in section 25 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.675.

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

26 (l) For each pole trailer, semitrailer, trailer coach, or
27 trailer, the tax shall be assessed according to the following

1 schedule of empty weights:

2	Empty weights	Tax
3	0 to 2,499 pounds.....	\$ 75.00
4	2,500 to 9,999 pounds.....	200.00
5	10,000 pounds and over.....	300.00

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

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

20	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
21	0 to 4,000 pounds.....	\$ 1.76
22	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
23	6,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	2.72
24	10,001 pounds and over.....	3.25

25 (n) For each motorcycle, \$23.00.

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

11 Beginning January 1, 1984, the registration tax for each
12 motorcycle is increased by \$3.00. The \$3.00 increase is not part of
13 the tax assessed under this subdivision for the purpose of the
14 annual October 1 revisions but is in addition to the tax assessed
15 as a result of the annual October 1 revisions. Beginning January 1,
16 1984, \$3.00 of each motorcycle fee shall be placed in a motorcycle
17 safety fund in the state treasury and shall be used only for
18 funding the motorcycle safety education program as provided for
19 under sections 312b and 811a.

20 (o) For each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road
21 tractor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or part
22 of a moving van in transporting household furniture and household
23 effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting carnivals,
24 at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross weights in
25 subdivision (k) as modified by the operation of that subdivision.

26 (p) After September 30, 1983, each motor vehicle of the 1984
27 or a subsequent model year as shown on the application required

1 under section 217 that has not been previously subject to the tax
 2 rates of this section and that is of the motor vehicle category
 3 otherwise subject to the tax schedule described in subdivision (a),
 4 and each low-speed vehicle according to the following schedule
 5 based upon registration periods of 12 months:

6 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for the
 7 first registration that is not a transfer registration under
 8 section 809 and for the first registration after a transfer
 9 registration under section 809, according to the following schedule
 10 based on the vehicle's list price:

11	List Price		Tax
12	\$ 0 - \$ 6,000.00.....	\$	30.00
13	More than \$ 6,000.00 - \$ 7,000.00.....	\$	33.00
14	More than \$ 7,000.00 - \$ 8,000.00.....	\$	38.00
15	More than \$ 8,000.00 - \$ 9,000.00.....	\$	43.00
16	More than \$ 9,000.00 - \$ 10,000.00.....	\$	48.00
17	More than \$ 10,000.00 - \$ 11,000.00.....	\$	53.00
18	More than \$ 11,000.00 - \$ 12,000.00.....	\$	58.00
19	More than \$ 12,000.00 - \$ 13,000.00.....	\$	63.00
20	More than \$ 13,000.00 - \$ 14,000.00.....	\$	68.00
21	More than \$ 14,000.00 - \$ 15,000.00.....	\$	73.00
22	More than \$ 15,000.00 - \$ 16,000.00.....	\$	78.00
23	More than \$ 16,000.00 - \$ 17,000.00.....	\$	83.00
24	More than \$ 17,000.00 - \$ 18,000.00.....	\$	88.00
25	More than \$ 18,000.00 - \$ 19,000.00.....	\$	93.00
26	More than \$ 19,000.00 - \$ 20,000.00.....	\$	98.00
27	More than \$ 20,000.00 - \$ 21,000.00.....	\$	103.00

1	More than \$ 21,000.00 - \$ 22,000.00.....	\$ 108.00
2	More than \$ 22,000.00 - \$ 23,000.00.....	\$ 113.00
3	More than \$ 23,000.00 - \$ 24,000.00.....	\$ 118.00
4	More than \$ 24,000.00 - \$ 25,000.00.....	\$ 123.00
5	More than \$ 25,000.00 - \$ 26,000.00.....	\$ 128.00
6	More than \$ 26,000.00 - \$ 27,000.00.....	\$ 133.00
7	More than \$ 27,000.00 - \$ 28,000.00.....	\$ 138.00
8	More than \$ 28,000.00 - \$ 29,000.00.....	\$ 143.00
9	More than \$ 29,000.00 - \$ 30,000.00.....	\$ 148.00

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

16 (ii) For the second registration, 90% of the tax assessed
 17 under subparagraph (i).

18 (iii) For the third registration, 90% of the tax assessed
 19 under subparagraph (ii).

20 (iv) For the fourth and subsequent registrations, 90% of the
 21 tax assessed under subparagraph (iii).

22 For a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has
 23 been previously registered by a person other than the person
 24 applying for registration or for a vehicle of the 1984 or a
 25 subsequent model year that has been previously registered in
 26 another state or country and is registered for the first time in
 27 this state, the tax under this subdivision shall be determined by

1 subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the calendar year
2 for which the registration is sought. If the result is zero or a
3 negative figure, the first registration tax shall be paid. If the
4 result is 1, 2, or 3 or more, then, respectively, the second,
5 third, or subsequent registration tax shall be paid. A van that is
6 owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual
7 who transports a member of his or her household who uses a
8 wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under
9 section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax
10 provided for in this subdivision.

11 (q) For a wrecker, \$200.00.

12 (r) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this act,
13 a computation that does not result in a whole dollar figure shall
14 be rounded to the next lower whole dollar when the computation
15 results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and shall be rounded
16 to the next higher whole dollar when the computation results in a
17 figure ending in 51 cents or more, unless specific taxes are
18 specified, and the secretary of state may accept the manufacturer's
19 shipping weight of the vehicle fully equipped for the use for which
20 the registration application is made. If the weight is not
21 correctly stated or is not satisfactory, the secretary of state
22 shall determine the actual weight. Each application for
23 registration of a vehicle under subdivisions (j) and (m) shall have
24 attached to the application a scale weight receipt of the vehicle
25 fully equipped as of the time the application is made. The scale
26 weight receipt is not necessary if there is presented with the
27 application a registration receipt of the previous year that shows

1 on its face the weight of the motor vehicle as registered with the
2 secretary of state and that is accompanied by a statement of the
3 applicant that there has not been a structural change in the motor
4 vehicle that has increased the weight and that the previous
5 registered weight is the true weight.

6 (2) A manufacturer is not exempted under this act from paying
7 ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond, except on the
8 specified number of motor vehicles registered. A dealer is exempt
9 from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond.

10 (3) Until October 1, 2015, the tax for a vehicle with an empty
11 weight over 10,000 pounds imposed under subsection (1)(a) and the
12 taxes imposed under subsection (1)(c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j),
13 (m), (o), and (p) are each increased as follows:

14 (a) A regulatory fee of \$2.25 that shall be credited to the
15 traffic law enforcement and safety fund created in section 819a and
16 used to regulate highway safety.

17 (b) A fee of \$5.75 that shall be credited to the
18 transportation administration collection fund created in section
19 810b.

20 (4) If a tax required to be paid under this section is not
21 received by the secretary of state on or before the expiration date
22 of the registration plate, the secretary of state shall collect a
23 late fee of \$10.00 for each registration renewed after the
24 expiration date. An application for a renewal of a registration
25 using the regular mail and postmarked before the expiration date of
26 that registration shall not be assessed a late fee. The late fee
27 collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the general

1 fund.

2 (5) In addition to the registration taxes under this section,
3 the secretary of state shall collect taxes charged under section
4 801j and credit revenues to a regional transit authority created
5 under the regional transit authority act, **2012 PA 387, MCL 124.541**
6 **TO 124.558**, minus necessary collection expenses as provided in
7 section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.
8 Necessary collection expenses incurred by the secretary of state
9 under this subsection shall be based upon an established cost
10 allocation methodology.

11 (6) This section does not apply to a historic vehicle.

12 (7) **THE REGISTRATION FEE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR AN**
13 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE IS INCREASED AS FOLLOWS:**

14 (A) **AS CLASSIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IF THE VEHICLE IS**
15 **OF A BRAND OR HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO BE POWERED SOLELY OR**
16 **PREDOMINATELY BY ELECTRICITY UNDER NORMAL AVERAGE CLASS OPERATING**
17 **CONDITIONS, THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THAT VEHICLE UNDER THIS**
18 **SECTION IS INCREASED BY \$225.00 FOR A VEHICLE WITH AN EMPTY WEIGHT**
19 **OF 8,000 POUNDS OR LESS, AND \$400.00 FOR A VEHICLE WITH AN EMPTY**
20 **WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 8,000 POUNDS.**

21 (B) **AS CLASSIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IF THE VEHICLE IS**
22 **OF A BRAND OR HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO BE PARTIALLY POWERED, BUT NOT**
23 **PREDOMINATELY POWERED, BY ELECTRICITY UNDER NORMAL AVERAGE CLASS**
24 **OPERATING CONDITIONS, THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THAT VEHICLE UNDER**
25 **THIS SECTION IS INCREASED BY \$100.00 FOR A VEHICLE WITH AN EMPTY**
26 **WEIGHT OF 8,000 POUNDS OR LESS, AND \$200.00 FOR A VEHICLE WITH AN**
27 **EMPTY WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 8,000 POUNDS.**

1 (8) ~~(7)~~—As used in this section:

2 (a) "Gross proceeds" means that term as defined in section 1
3 of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51, and includes
4 the value of the motor vehicle used as part payment of the purchase
5 price as that value is agreed to by the parties to the sale, as
6 evidenced by the signed agreement executed under section 251.

7 (b) "List price" means the manufacturer's suggested base list
8 price as published by the secretary of state, or the manufacturer's
9 suggested retail price as shown on the label required to be affixed
10 to the vehicle under 15 USC 1232, if the secretary of state has not
11 at the time of the sale of the vehicle published a manufacturer's
12 suggested retail price for that vehicle, or the purchase price of
13 the vehicle if the manufacturer's suggested base list price is
14 unavailable from the sources described in this subdivision.

15 (c) "Purchase price" means the gross proceeds received by the
16 seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle being
17 registered.

18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October
19 1, 2015.