

HOUSE BILL No. 5715

June 1, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Geiss, Plawecki, Santana, Love, McBroom, Cochran, Hughes, Dianda, Wittenberg, Hovey-Wright and Gay-Dagnogo and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 225 (MCL 257.225), as amended by 2014 PA 26.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 225. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
2 and subsection (6), a registration plate issued for a vehicle shall
3 be attached to the rear of the vehicle. A registration plate issued
4 for a truck tractor or road tractor shall be attached to the front
5 of the vehicle.

6 (2) A registration plate shall at all times be securely
7 fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which the
8 plate is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging. The plate
9 shall be attached at a height of not less than 12 inches from the
10 ground, measured from the bottom of the plate, in a place and
11 position that is clearly visible. The **SHEATHING OF THE PLATE SHALL**

1 NOT BE FAILED OR MISSING, AND THE plate shall be maintained free
2 from foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure the
3 registration information and in a clearly legible condition. AS
4 USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "FOREIGN MATERIALS THAT OBSCURE OR
5 PARTIALLY OBSCURE THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE A
6 TOW BALL, BICYCLE RACK, REMOVABLE HITCH, OR ANY OTHER DEVICE
7 DESIGNED TO CARRY AN OBJECT ON THE REAR OF A VEHICLE.

8 (3) A registration plate or an expiration tab on the
9 registration plate shall be of a different color designated by the
10 secretary of state with a marked contrast between the color of the
11 registration plate and the numerals or letters on the plate. The
12 secretary of state may provide a distinctive registration plate as
13 a replacement for a standard plate. To honor a special or
14 historical event, the secretary of state may provide a
15 commemorative plate as a replacement for a standard plate.

16 (4) A person shall not attach a name plate, insignia, or
17 advertising device to a registration plate in a manner that
18 obscures or partially obscures the registration information.

19 (5) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle that has a name
20 plate, insignia, or advertising device attached to a registration
21 plate in a manner that obscures or partially obscures the
22 registration information.

23 (6) A registration plate issued for a historic military
24 vehicle that is authorized to be operated on the roads of this
25 state is not required to be attached to the rear or the front of
26 the historic military vehicle unless the historic military vehicle
27 was originally manufactured with lighting and mounting provisions

1 for a registration plate. However, if the registration plate is not
2 attached to the exterior of the historic military vehicle, it shall
3 be present in the historic military vehicle to which it refers and
4 shall be made available upon demand of a police officer. As used in
5 this subsection, "historic military vehicle" means a vehicle,
6 including a trailer, regardless of the vehicle's size, weight, or
7 year of manufacture, that was manufactured for use in any country's
8 military forces and is maintained to represent its military design
9 and markings accurately.

10 (7) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
11 civil infraction.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
13 after the date it is enacted into law.