

# HOUSE BILL No. 4873

August 16, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Yanez, Hertel, Gay-Dagnogo, Clemente, Peterson, Dianda, Cochran, Geiss, Wittenberg and Hammoud 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~~**SUBSECTIONS** (6) **AND (7)**, a registration plate issued  
3 for a vehicle shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle. A  
4 registration plate issued for a truck tractor or road tractor shall  
5 be attached to the front 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

1 ground, measured from the bottom of the plate, in a place and  
2 position that is clearly visible. The plate shall be maintained  
3 free from foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure the  
4 registration information and in a clearly legible condition.

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

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

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

20 (6) A registration plate issued for a historic military  
21 vehicle that is authorized to be operated on the roads of this  
22 state is not required to be attached to the rear or the front of  
23 the historic military vehicle unless the historic military vehicle  
24 was originally manufactured with lighting and mounting provisions  
25 for a registration plate. However, if the registration plate is not  
26 attached to the exterior of the historic military vehicle, it shall  
27 be present in the historic military vehicle to which it refers and

1 shall be made available upon demand of a police officer. As used in  
2 this subsection, "historic military vehicle" means a vehicle,  
3 including a trailer, regardless of the vehicle's size, weight, or  
4 year of manufacture, that was manufactured for use in any country's  
5 military forces and is maintained to represent its military design  
6 and markings accurately.

7       **(7) A REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE PLACED INSIDE THE REAR WINDOW**  
8 **OF A VEHICLE INSTEAD OF THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE AS PROVIDED IN**  
9 **SUBSECTION (1) IF THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS A VALID SPECIAL OR**  
10 **TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 226(9), 226A, OR**  
11 **226B, OR IF THE ATTACHMENT OF A TOW BALL, BICYCLE RACK, REMOVABLE**  
12 **HITCH, OR OTHER DEVICE DESIGNED TO CARRY AN OBJECT ON THE REAR OF A**  
13 **VEHICLE, INCLUDING THE OBJECT BEING CARRIED, WOULD RESULT IN A**  
14 **PARTIAL OR TOTAL OBSTRUCTION OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE IN VIOLATION**  
15 **OF SUBSECTION (2). A REGISTRATION PLATE PLACED INSIDE THE REAR**  
16 **WINDOW UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PLAINLY AND CLEARLY VISIBLE**  
17 **TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE VEHICLE AND SHALL OTHERWISE COMPLY WITH THE**  
18 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

19       **(8) ~~(7)~~**A person who violates this section is responsible for  
20 a civil infraction.

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