

HOUSE BILL No. 5399

January 11, 2018, Introduced by Rep. Lucido and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 2016 PA 425.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 226. (1) A vehicle registration issued by the secretary
2 of state expires on the ~~owner's birthday~~, **DATE THAT THE VEHICLE**
3 **INSURANCE REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 31 OF THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956,**
4 **1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101 TO 500.3179, EXPIRES,** unless another
5 expiration date is provided for under this act or unless the
6 registration is for the following vehicles, in which case
7 registration expires on the last day of February:

8 (a) A commercial vehicle except for a commercial vehicle
9 issued a registration under the international registration plan or

1 a pickup truck or van owned by an individual.

2 (b) Except for a trailer or semitrailer issued a registration
3 under the international registration plan, a trailer or semitrailer
4 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an
5 individual; or a pole trailer.

6 (2) The expiration date for a registration issued for a
7 motorcycle is the motorcycle owner's birthday.

8 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the letters
9 "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

10 (4) In the case of a vehicle owned by a business, corporation,
11 or an owner other than an individual, the secretary of state may
12 assign or reassign the expiration date of the registration.

13 (5) The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

14 (a) After the October 1 immediately preceding the year
15 designated on the registration, issue a registration upon
16 application and payment of the proper fee for a commercial vehicle,
17 other than a pickup or van owned by an individual; or a trailer
18 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an
19 individual.

20 (b) Beginning 60 days before the expiration date assigned on
21 an international registration plan registration plate, issue a
22 registration under section 801g upon application and payment of the
23 proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in
24 interstate commerce.

25 (c) Beginning 45 days before the ~~owner's birthday~~ **DATE THAT**
26 **THE VEHICLE INSURANCE REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 31 OF THE INSURANCE**
27 **CODE OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101 TO 500.3179, EXPIRES** and

1 120 days before the expiration date assigned by the secretary of
 2 state, issue a registration for a vehicle other than those
 3 designated in subsection (1)(a) or (b). However, if an owner whose
 4 registration period begins 45 days before ~~his or her birthday~~ **THE**
 5 **DATE THAT THE VEHICLE INSURANCE REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 31 OF THE**
 6 **INSURANCE CODE OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101 TO 500.3179,**
 7 **EXPIRES** will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately
 8 preceding expiration of a registration or for other good cause
 9 shown cannot apply for a renewal registration within the 45-day
 10 period, application for a renewal registration may be made not more
 11 than 6 months before expiration.

12 (6) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the~~ **THE**
 13 secretary of state, upon application and payment of the proper fee,
 14 shall issue a registration for a vehicle or a motorcycle to a
 15 resident that shall expire on the ~~owner's birthday. If the owner's~~
 16 ~~next birthday is at least 6 months but not more than 12 months in~~
 17 ~~the future, the owner shall receive a registration valid until the~~
 18 ~~owner's next birthday. If the owner's next birthday is less than 6~~
 19 ~~months in the future, the owner shall receive a registration valid~~
 20 ~~until the owner's birthday following the owner's next birthday.~~

21 **DATE THAT THE VEHICLE INSURANCE REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 31 OF THE**
 22 **INSURANCE CODE OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101 TO 500.3179,**
 23 **EXPIRES.** The tax required under this act for a registration
 24 described in this subsection shall be either of the following:

25 (a) For an original registration, the tax shall bear the same
 26 relationship to the tax required under section 801 for a 12-month
 27 registration as the length of the registration bears to 12 months.

1 (b) For a renewal of a registration, either of the following:

2 (i) For a registration that is for at least 6 months but not
3 more than 12 months, the same amount as for 12 months.

4 (ii) For a renewal of a registration that is for more than 12
5 months, 2 times the amount for 12 months.

6 Partial months shall be considered as whole months in the
7 calculation of the required tax and in the determination of the
8 length of time between the application for a registration and the
9 ~~owner's next birthday.~~ **DATE THAT THE VEHICLE INSURANCE REQUIRED**
10 **UNDER CHAPTER 31 OF THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL**
11 **500.3101 TO 500.3179, EXPIRES.** The tax required for that
12 registration shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in
13 section 801.

14 (7) A certificate of title shall remain valid until canceled
15 by the secretary of state for cause or upon a transfer of an
16 interest shown on the certificate of title.

17 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue special
18 registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months after the
19 date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds \$50.00, on the
20 payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a service ~~charge~~ **FEE**
21 as enumerated in section 802(1).

22 (9) The secretary of state may issue a special registration
23 for each of the following:

24 (a) A new vehicle purchased or leased outside of this state
25 and delivered in this state to the purchaser or lessee by the
26 manufacturer of that vehicle for removal to a place outside of this
27 state, if a certification is made that the vehicle will be

1 primarily used, stored, and registered outside of this state and
2 will not be returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for
3 use or storage.

4 (b) A vehicle purchased or leased in this state and delivered
5 to the purchaser or lessee by a dealer or by the owner of the
6 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a
7 certification is made that the vehicle will be primarily used,
8 stored, and registered outside of this state and will not be
9 returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for use or
10 storage.

11 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is
12 valid for not more than 30 days after the date of issuance, and a
13 fee shall be collected for each special registration as provided in
14 section 802(3). The special registration may be in the form
15 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail
16 sale or lease of a vehicle to a purchaser or lessee who is
17 qualified and eligible to obtain a special registration, the dealer
18 shall apply for the special registration for the purchaser or
19 lessee. If a person other than a dealer sells or leases a vehicle
20 to a purchaser or lessee who is qualified and eligible to obtain a
21 special registration, the purchaser or lessee shall appear in
22 person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's or lessee's power
23 of attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a
24 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or lessee
25 or that the person has granted the power of attorney, together with
26 other forms required for the issuance of the special registration
27 and provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is

1 covered by a Michigan no-fault insurance policy issued pursuant to
2 section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL
3 500.3101, or proof that the vehicle is covered by a policy of
4 insurance issued by an insurer pursuant to section 3163 of the
5 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3163. The
6 certification required in this subsection shall contain all of the
7 following:

8 (a) The address of the purchaser or lessee.

9 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased or leased for
10 registration outside of this state.

11 (c) A statement that the vehicle shall be primarily used,
12 stored, and registered outside of this state.

13 (d) The name of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is to be
14 registered.

15 (e) Other information requested by the secretary of state.

16 (11) In the case of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or
17 semitrailer issued a registration under the international
18 registration plan, the secretary of state in mutual agreement with
19 the owner may assign or reassign the expiration date of the
20 registration. However, the expiration date agreed to shall be
21 either March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31. Renewals
22 expiring on or after September 30, 1993 shall be for a minimum of
23 at least 12 months if there is a change in the established
24 expiration date.

25 (12) The expiration date for a multiyear registration issued
26 for a leased vehicle shall be the date the lease expires but shall
27 not be for a period longer than 24 months.

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