

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5204

November 06, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Steven Johnson, LaGrand, Yaroach and Eisen and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 2018 PA 342.

## 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, unless another expiration  
3 date is provided for under this act or unless the registration is  
4 for the following vehicles, in which case registration expires on  
5 the last day of February:

6       (a) A commercial vehicle except for a commercial vehicle



1 issued a registration under the international registration plan or  
2 a pickup truck or van owned by an individual.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (c) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday **or, if the**  
27 **owner has requested the expiration date described in subsection**  
28 **(13), 45 days before the expiration date,** and 120 days before the  
29 expiration date assigned by the secretary of state, issue a



1 registration for a vehicle other than those designated in  
 2 subsection (1) (a) or (b). However, if an owner whose registration  
 3 period begins 45 days before his or her birthday **or expiration date**  
 4 will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately preceding  
 5 expiration of a registration or for other good cause shown cannot  
 6 apply for a renewal registration within the 45-day period,  
 7 application for a renewal registration may be made not more than 6  
 8 months before expiration.

9 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection **and**  
 10 **subsection (13)**, the secretary of state, upon application and  
 11 payment of the proper fee, shall issue a registration for a vehicle  
 12 or a motorcycle to a resident that ~~shall expire~~ **expires** on the  
 13 owner's birthday **or, if applicable, on the expiration date**  
 14 **described in subsection (13)**. If the owner's next birthday is at  
 15 least 6 months but not more than 12 months in the future, the owner  
 16 shall receive a registration valid until the owner's next birthday.  
 17 If the owner's next birthday is less than 6 months in the future,  
 18 the owner shall receive a registration valid until the owner's  
 19 birthday following the owner's next birthday **or, if applicable, the**  
 20 **expiration date described in subsection (13)**. The tax required  
 21 under this act for a registration described in this subsection  
 22 shall be either of the following:

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

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

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

29 (ii) For a renewal of a registration that is for more than 12



1 months, 2 times the amount for 12 months.

2 Partial months shall be considered as whole months in the  
3 calculation of the required tax and in the determination of the  
4 length of time between the application for a registration and the  
5 owner's next birthday **or, if applicable, the expiration date**  
6 **described in subsection (13)**. The tax required for that  
7 registration shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in  
8 section 801.

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

12 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue special  
13 registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months after the  
14 date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds \$50.00, on the  
15 payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a service charge as  
16 enumerated in section 802(1).

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

19 (a) A new vehicle purchased or leased outside of this state  
20 and delivered in this state to the purchaser or lessee by the  
21 manufacturer of that vehicle for removal to a place outside of this  
22 state, if a certification is made that the vehicle will be  
23 primarily used, stored, and registered outside of this state and  
24 will not be returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for  
25 use or storage.

26 (b) A vehicle purchased or leased in this state and delivered  
27 to the purchaser or lessee by a dealer or by the owner of the  
28 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a  
29 certification is made that the vehicle will be primarily used,



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

4 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is  
5 valid for not more than 30 days after the date of issuance, and a  
6 fee shall be collected for each special registration as provided in  
7 section 802(3). The special registration may be in the form  
8 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail  
9 sale or lease of a vehicle to a purchaser or lessee who is  
10 qualified and eligible to obtain a special registration, the dealer  
11 shall apply for the special registration for the purchaser or  
12 lessee. If a person other than a dealer sells or leases a vehicle  
13 to a purchaser or lessee who is qualified and eligible to obtain a  
14 special registration, the purchaser or lessee shall appear in  
15 person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's or lessee's power  
16 of attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a  
17 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or lessee  
18 or that the person has granted the power of attorney, together with  
19 other forms required for the issuance of the special registration  
20 and provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is  
21 covered by ~~a Michigan no-fault~~ **an automobile** insurance policy  
22 issued under section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA  
23 218, MCL 500.3101, or proof that the vehicle is covered by a policy  
24 of insurance issued by an insurer under section 3163 of the  
25 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3163. The  
26 certification required in this subsection shall contain all of the  
27 following:

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

29 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased or leased for

1 registration outside of this state.

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

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

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

7 (11) In the case of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or  
8 semitrailer issued a registration under the international  
9 registration plan, the secretary of state in mutual agreement with  
10 the owner may assign or reassign the expiration date of the  
11 registration. However, the expiration date agreed to shall be  
12 either March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31 or beginning  
13 on February 19, 2019, the last day of a calendar month. Renewals  
14 expiring on or after June 30, 2020 shall be for a minimum of at  
15 least 12 months if there is a change in the established expiration  
16 date.

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

20 **(13) In the case of a vehicle owned by an individual, upon**  
21 **request of that individual, a vehicle registration issued by the**  
22 **secretary of state expires 2 years after the owner's birthday.**

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

25 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
26 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5205 (request no.  
27 04582'19) of the 100th Legislature is enacted into law.

