

## RENEWAL OF SPECIAL REGISTRATIONS

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**Senate Bill 220 (S-2) as reported from House committee**

**Sponsor: Sen. Lana Theis**

**House Committee: Transportation**

**Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure**

**Complete to 6-29-21**

Analysis available at  
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## SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 220 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the secretary of state to provide a system under which special vehicle registrations related to certain agricultural or wood harvesting operations could be renewed at no additional charge in a branch office, by first-class mail, and online beginning January 1, 2022.

Specifically, beginning January 1, 2022, registrations for the following vehicles would have to be renewable for no additional charge in a branch office, by first-class mail, and online:

- A truck, truck tractor, or road tractor that is used exclusively for the purpose of gratuitously transporting farm crops or livestock bedding between the field where produced and the place of storage, feed from on-farm storage to an on-farm feeding site, or fertilizer, seed, or spray material from the farm location to the field and whose owner has obtained a special registration under section 802(9) of the code.<sup>1</sup>
- A road tractor, modified agricultural vehicle, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer and used exclusively in connection with a farming operation, including a farmer hauling livestock or farm equipment for other farmers for remuneration in kind or in labor, but not for money, or used for the transportation of the farmer and the farmer's family, and not used for hire, whose owner has registered the vehicle under section 801(c) of the code.<sup>2</sup>
- A truck used exclusively to haul milk from the farm to the first point of delivery whose owner has registered the vehicle under section 801(d) of the code.
- A road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with wood harvesting operations, as described in the code, whose owner has registered the vehicle under section 801(d) of the code.

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## FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would result in additional one-time computer programming costs for the Department of State to accommodate offering an online or first-class mail-in option for renewing the special registrations outlined in the bill. The department estimates these implementation costs to be approximately \$75,000.

<sup>1</sup> Section 802: <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-257-802.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Section 801: <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-257-801.pdf>

## **POSITIONS:**

The following entities indicated support for the bill (6-8-21):

- Michigan Association of Timbermen
- Michigan Dairy Foods Association
- Michigan Farm Bureau

Representatives of the Department of State testified in opposition to the bill. (6-8-21)

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