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Senate Bill 220 (as introduced 3-10-21)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter VII (Registration Fees) of the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State (SOS) to provide a system for applicants seeking a special registration for the purpose of gratuitously transporting certain farm materials between on-farm locations to renew their special registration online or by first-class mail at no additional charge.

The Code prescribes certain registration fees for vehicles according to their weights and intended uses, as well as fees for special registrations.

Under the Code, upon application to the SOS, an owner of 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 and on-farm feeding site, or fertilizer, seed, or spray material from the farm location to the field may obtain a special registration. The service fee for each special registration is \$20 and the special registration is valid for up to 12 months and expires on December 31.

Under the bill, beginning January 1, 2022, the SOS would have to provide a system for applicants of a special registration described above to renew their special registration online or by first-class mail at no additional charge.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of State for administrative costs associated with providing an online or first-class mail-in option for the renewal of special registrations outlined in the bill. The costs are indeterminate but likely would be absorbed within the Department's annual appropriations.

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