

# SENATE BILL NO. 138

March 12, 2025, Introduced by Senators MOSS, GEISS, BAYER, WOJNO, KLINEFELT, CHANG, CAVANAGH, MCCANN, MCMORROW and SHINK and referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 227 (MCL 257.227), as amended by 2011 PA 92.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 227. (1) Application for renewal of a vehicle  
2 registration ~~shall~~**must** be made by the owner ~~upon~~**on** proper  
3 application and by payment of the registration fee for the vehicle,  
4 as provided by law.  
5       (2) Every application ~~shall~~**must** be accompanied by the  
6 certificate of title pertaining to the vehicle, showing ownership

1 in the person applying for registration at the time of the  
2 application. The secretary of state may waive the presentation of  
3 the certificate of title.

4 (3) Every application for renewal of a motor vehicle  
5 registration ~~shall~~**must** be accompanied by proof of vehicle  
6 insurance in a form determined by the secretary of state.

7 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), the secretary of state  
8 shall accept as proof of vehicle insurance a transmission of the  
9 applicant's vehicle policy information for an insured vehicle for  
10 which vehicle registration is sought. The secretary of state may  
11 determine in what format and on what timeline the secretary of  
12 state will receive vehicle policy information, which ~~shall~~**must** not  
13 be required more frequently than every 14 days. In determining the  
14 format under this subsection, the secretary of state shall consult  
15 with insurers. The transmission to the secretary of state of the  
16 vehicle policy information is proof of insurance to the secretary  
17 of state for motor vehicle registration purposes only and is not  
18 evidence that a policy of insurance actually exists between an  
19 insurer and an individual. Vehicle policy information submitted by  
20 an insurer and received by the secretary of state under this  
21 subsection is confidential, is not subject to the freedom of  
22 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and ~~shall~~**must**  
23 not be disclosed to any person except the department of ~~community~~  
24 health **and human services** for purposes of 2006 PA 593, MCL 550.281  
25 to 550.289, or under an order by a court of competent jurisdiction  
26 in connection with a claim or fraud investigation or prosecution.

27 **(5) If the applicant's current vehicle registration will**  
28 **expire before the applicant's receipt of a registration plate, the**  
29 **secretary of state may issue a temporary registration permit to a**

1 person that submits an application and the proper fees and any  
2 required donation for a registration plate under this act. The  
3 temporary registration permit expires on the date the applicant  
4 receives the registration plate or 60 days after the date of  
5 issuance of the temporary registration permit, whichever occurs  
6 first. A temporary registration permit issued under this section  
7 must be issued without charge.

8 (6) As used in this section, "policy information" means the  
9 information an automobile insurer is required to supply to the  
10 secretary of state under section 3101a of the insurance code of  
11 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101a.