

USE TAX ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1937

205.94w Applicability of tax; exceptions; definitions.

Sec. 4w. (1) Beginning April 1, 2005, the tax levied under this act does not apply to either of the following:

(a) The donation of a motor vehicle to a regularly organized church or house of religious worship that received the motor vehicle with the intent that it be donated to a qualified recipient.

(b) The donation of a motor vehicle from or through a regularly organized church or house of religious worship to a qualified recipient that was received by the church or house of religious worship with the intent that it be donated to a qualified recipient.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Qualified recipient" means an individual certified by the regularly organized church or house of religious worship on a form prescribed by the department and provided to a qualified recipient as meeting all of the following qualifications:

(i) Before October 1, 2005, all of the following qualifications:

(A) The individual receives or, if he or she applied, would be eligible to receive public assistance through a program created and administered under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b.

(B) The individual has a valid Michigan operator's or chauffeur's license.

(C) Public transportation is not reasonably available to the individual, the individual has no other reliable means by which to commute to his or her place of employment, and the individual will use the eligible vehicle as his or her primary means of transportation to commute to and from his or her place of employment.

(D) If the individual is currently employed for not less than an average of 20 hours per week, the individual requires an automobile to retain his or her current employment or to accept a verified offer of employment in a position that is demonstrably superior to his or her current position of employment.

(E) If the individual is not currently employed or is employed for less than an average of 20 hours per week, the individual requires an automobile to accept a verified offer of employment of not less than an average of 20 hours per week and cannot begin employment in that position without an automobile.

(ii) After September 30, 2005, all of the following qualifications:

(A) The individual receives or, if he or she applied, would be eligible to receive public assistance through a program created and administered under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b, or the individual has a total household income below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines updated annually in the federal register of the United States department of health and human services.

(B) The individual has a valid Michigan operator's or chauffeur's license.

(b) "Regularly organized church or house of religious worship" means a religious organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986.

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