

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)
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257.801g Apportionment of fee under international registration plan if permitted by reciprocal compact, agreement, or other arrangement; definition; issuance of registration plate and cab card upon payment of apportioned fee; purchase of annual international registration plan plates; service fee; notice; effect of late payment; effect of surrendering or not surrendering registration plate; temporary registration.

Sec. 801g. (1) Notwithstanding section 801(1)(j) or 801(1)(k), for a truck, truck tractor, or road tractor engaged in interstate commerce, for which a registration fee otherwise would be provided in section 801(1)(j) or 801(1)(k), the fee may be apportioned under the international registration plan according to the miles traveled in this state in relation to the total miles traveled by the vehicle, if the apportionment is permitted by a reciprocal compact, agreement, or other arrangement entered into by the Michigan highway reciprocity board.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "international registration plan" means a method of licensing trucks and bus fleets proportionally among 2 or more member jurisdictions and includes an apportioned fee that is determined according to the fleet's percentage of miles generated in the various jurisdictions. Upon payment of the apportioned fee there shall be issued 1 registration plate and 1 cab card for each vehicle with the cab card indicating the jurisdictions in which the unit is registered and the registered weight for each jurisdiction.

(3) If the apportionment is permitted, and if at the time of purchase a person elects to have the fees apportioned and the registration is valid for at least 12 months, the annual international registration plan plates may be purchased by paying any out of state portion and 1/2 the amount apportioned for Michigan fees and an extra \$10.00 service fee per vehicle upon purchase and the balance within 180 days before the date of expiration. The secretary of state shall notify a person who has elected to use the installment option of this subsection informing the person of the amount due and of the penalties that shall be imposed if payment is not received within 180 days before the date of expiration. If a person is once late on paying the balance, a penalty of 25% of the outstanding balance shall be assessed and collected in addition to the fee. If a person is twice late in paying the balance within a 2-year period, then a penalty of 25% of the outstanding balance shall be assessed and collected in addition to the fee, and the person is ineligible to elect the apportionment payment plan for the next 2 registration years following the year of the delinquency. The secretary of state shall suspend the registration of any vehicle for which the registration fee is not paid in full and transmit a statement of the delinquent balance, including the penalty, to the department of treasury for collection.

(4) If a person surrenders a registration plate purchased under section 801(1)(j) or 801(1)(k) for a registration under this section for the same vehicle, the apportioned fee for the exchange registration shall bear the same relationship to the fee required under this section for a 12-month registration as the length of time the exchange registration bears to 12 months. Partial months shall be considered as whole months in the calculation of the required fee and in the determination of the length of time between the application for a registration and the last day of the month of expiration. The calculation shall include any refund as a credit provided for in section 801b(8). The fee required for the registration shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in section 801.

(5) If a person does not surrender a registration plate purchased under section 801(1)(j) or 801(1)(k) for a registration under this section, the apportioned fee shall be determined as provided for in this section except the apportioned fee for a registration purchased shall bear the same relationship to the fee required under this section for a 12-month registration as the length of time the registration bears to 12 months. Partial months shall be considered as whole months in the calculation of the required fee and in the determination of the length of time between the application for a registration and the last day of the month of expiration. The fee required for this registration shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in section 801. Fees under this subsection shall not be prorated for less than 6 months.

(6) Upon proper application for registration of a vehicle under this section, the secretary of state may issue a temporary registration which shall be valid for not more than 45 days from the date of issuance.

(7) The secretary of state may designate an owner or registrant having a fleet of motor vehicles currently registered under this section to act as an agent for the secretary of state for the purpose of issuing to himself or herself a temporary registration. Upon issuance of a temporary registration an agent shall make proper application for an international registration plan registration to the secretary of state within 5 days after issuance of the temporary registration.

(8) An owner issued a temporary registration under this section is liable for the fees provided in this section.

(9) If the owner of a vehicle for which a temporary registration is issued under this section fails to pay the

registration fee as required in this section, the secretary of state shall suspend the registrations of all vehicles registered by that owner under this section. The registrations shall remain suspended until the fee is paid.

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