

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 300 of 1949

257.802 Special registration; registration of commercial vehicles and special mobile equipment; temporary registration plates or markers; tax rates, fees, and service charges; deposit of service fees.

Sec. 802. (1) For a special registration issued under section 226(8), the registrant shall pay 1/2 the tax imposed under section 801 and a service fee of \$10.00.

(2) For all commercial vehicles registered after August 31 for the period expiring the last day of February, the secretary of state shall collect a tax of 1/2 the rate otherwise imposed under this act. This subsection does not apply to vehicles registered by manufacturers or dealers under sections 244 to 247.

(3) For each special registration under section 226(9), the secretary of state shall collect a service fee of \$10.00.

(4) For temporary registration plates or markers under section 226a(1), the secretary of state shall collect a service fee in an amount determined by the secretary of state to reflect the actual cost of administering the temporary registration plates and markers program, or in the amount of \$4.00 per plate or marker, whichever is less.

(5) For a temporary registration under section 226b, the fee is either of the following:

(a) For a 30-day temporary registration, 1/10 of the tax prescribed under section 801 or \$20.00, whichever is greater, and an additional \$10.00 service fee.

(b) For a 60-day temporary registration, 1/5 of the tax prescribed under section 801 or \$40.00, whichever is greater, and an additional \$10.00 service fee.

(6) For registration plates as provided for in section 226a(5), (6), and (7), the secretary of state shall collect a service fee of \$40.00 for 2 registration plates and \$20.00 for each additional registration plate.

(7) For special registrations issued for special mobile equipment as provided in section 216(1)(d), the secretary of state shall collect a service fee of \$15.00 each for the first 3 special registrations and \$5.00 for each subsequently issued special registration.

(8) The secretary of state, upon request, may issue a registration valid for 3 months for use on a vehicle with an elected gross weight of 24,000 pounds or greater on the payment of 1/4 the tax provided in section 801(1)(k) and a service fee of \$10.00.

(9) Upon application to the secretary of state, an owner of a truck, truck tractor, or road tractor that is used exclusively to gratuitously transport 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 may obtain a special registration. The service fee for each special registration issued under this subsection is \$20.00. The special registration is valid for a period of up to 12 months and expires on December 31. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Feed" means hay or silage.

(b) "Livestock bedding" means straw, sawdust, or sand.

(10) Beginning on October 1, 2022, the secretary of state shall provide a system for applicants under subsection (9) or under section 801(1)(c) or (d) to renew their special registration at no additional charge in a branch office, by first-class mail, and online.

(11) The secretary of state, upon request, may issue a special registration valid for 3 or more months for a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer, if the motor vehicle is used exclusively in connection with the farmer's farming operations or for the transportation of the farmer and the farmer's family and not used for hire. The fee for the registration is 1/10 of the tax provided in section 801(1)(c) times the number of months for which the special registration is requested and, in addition, a service fee of \$10.00. The secretary of state shall not issue a special registration for a motor vehicle for which the tax under section 801(1)(c) would be less than \$50.00.

(12) The secretary of state, upon request, may issue a registration valid for 3 months or more for use on a vehicle with an elected gross weight of 24,000 pounds or greater. The fee for the registration is 1/12 of the tax provided in section 801(1)(k), times the number of months for which the special registration is requested and, in addition, a service fee of \$10.00.

(13) The secretary of state shall deposit the service fees collected under subsections (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (11), and (12) in the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b through October 1, 2027.

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Compiler's note: For effective date of increases in certain fees, charges or taxes provided by this section, see MCL 257.817(1).