

**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 300 of 1949**

**257.811d Definitions; fund-raising registration plate; requirements; design or logo by university or other person; written agreement.**

Sec. 811d. (1) As used in this chapter:

(a) "Fund-raising plate" means a registration plate authorized to raise funds for a specified goal.

(b) "Collector plate" means a collector plate that matches any registration plate developed and issued under this act.

(c) "Nonprofit" means that which is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501.

(d) "Transportation administration collection fund" means the fund created under section 810b.

(2) A fund-raising plate shall contain all of the following as prescribed or approved by the secretary of state:

(a) The same generic background.

(b) Letters and numbers.

(c) The word "Michigan" and any other unique identifier specified by the secretary of state.

(d) A design or logo.

(3) If the design or logo of a fund-raising plate uses 1 or more designs, trade names, trademarks, service marks, emblems, symbols, or other images that are owned by a Michigan university or other person, the Michigan university or other person shall grant to or obtain for the secretary of state both of the following pursuant to a written agreement between the parties:

(a) A nonexclusive worldwide license to use those designs, trade names, trademarks, service marks, emblems, symbols, or other images on and in conjunction with the marketing, promotion, sale, or copyrighting of the registration plate or image of the fund-raising plate.

(b) The authority to merchandise the fund-raising plate or an image of the fund-raising plate.

(4) In using or employing a design, trade name, trademark, service mark, emblem, symbol, logo, or other image on and in conjunction with the marketing, promotion, sale, copyrighting, or merchandising of a fund-raising plate or image of the fund-raising plate, the secretary of state may alter the size of the design, trade name, trademark, service mark, emblem, symbol, logo, or other image but shall not change the color or design of the design, trade name, trademark, service mark, emblem, symbol, logo, or other image without the prior written consent of the respective Michigan university or other person. The secretary of state shall not use or employ a design, trade name, trademark, service mark, emblem, symbol, logo, or other image on and in conjunction with the marketing, promotion, sale, copyrighting, or merchandising of a fund-raising plate or an image of the fund-raising plate in any manner that is offensive to the Michigan university or other person that owns the design, trade name, trademark, service mark, emblem, symbol, logo, or other image that is the subject of a written agreement under subsection (3).

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