

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

**257.811e Fund-raising plate.**

Sec. 811e. (1) The secretary of state may develop a fund-raising plate as provided in this section.

(2) A start-up fee in an amount equal to a 3-year average of the cost to the secretary of state of developing a new fund-raising plate, as calculated by the secretary of state on January 1 of each year, shall be paid for any new fund-raising plate authorized under this section. The secretary of state shall discount the start-up fee to reflect any cost savings realized by the secretary of state if multiple new fund-raising plates are developed at the same time. The secretary of state shall use the 3 most recent preceding years in which it developed at least 1 fund-raising plate when calculating the 3-year average required by this subsection. The secretary of state shall deposit the fee in the transportation administration collection fund to be used for the cost of creating, producing, and issuing fund-raising plates. If the fee described in this subsection is not paid within 18 months after the effective date of the public act that authorizes the development and issuance of a fund-raising plate, the secretary of state shall not create, produce, or issue the related fund-raising plate. A start-up fee paid under this subsection is nonrefundable.

(3) Not less than 3 years after the secretary of state first issues 1 of the fund-raising plates as described in subsection (1) and upon payment of \$2,000.00, the Michigan university or other person sponsoring that fund-raising plate may redesign it as approved by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall deposit the payment required under this subsection in the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b to be used for the cost of creating, producing, and issuing fund-raising plates. A payment under this subsection is nonrefundable.

(4) The secretary of state may develop 1 or more limited term registration plates to recognize a Michigan university or an accomplishment or occasion of a Michigan university.

(5) Subject to section 811h(5), the secretary of state may, at any 1 time, develop, produce, issue, or make available for sale not more than 20 different fund-raising plates as described in this section, and matching collector plates as described in section 811g. This subsection does not apply to a plate described in subsection (4).

(6) The secretary of state shall not develop or issue a fund-raising plate unless a public act authorizing the fund-raising plate, at a minimum, does all of the following:

(a) Identifies the purpose of the fund-raising plate.

(b) Creates a nonprofit fund or designates an existing nonprofit fund to receive the money raised through the sale of fund-raising plates and matching collector plates. A nonprofit fund described in this subdivision shall not expend money received from the sale of a fund-raising plate and matching collector plate outside of this state.

(c) If a fund is created, names the person or entity responsible for administering the fund.

(7) The 2016 amendatory act that amended this section and section 811h shall be known and may be cited as the "Peter A. Pettalia Memorial Act".

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