

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)

Act 300 of 1949

CHAPTER VII

REGISTRATION FEES

257.801 Registration taxes on vehicle; schedules; exemption from ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond; increase and disposition of certain taxes; late fee; waiver; taxes and revenues relating to regional transit authority; historic vehicle; fee increase on vehicle using 4 or more tires; increase in fees; definitions.

Sec. 801. (1) The secretary of state shall collect the following taxes at the time of registering a vehicle, which exempts the vehicle from all other state and local taxation, except the fees and taxes to be paid by certain carriers operating motor vehicles and trailers under the motor carrier act, 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.42; the taxes imposed by the motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211 to 207.234; and except as otherwise provided by this act:

(a) For a motor vehicle, including a motor home, except as otherwise provided by law, and a pickup truck or van that weighs not more than 8,000 pounds, except as otherwise provided by law, according to the following schedule of empty weights:

Empty weights	Tax
0 to 3,000 pounds	\$ 29.00
3,001 to 3,500 pounds	32.00
3,501 to 4,000 pounds	37.00
4,001 to 4,500 pounds	43.00
4,501 to 5,000 pounds	47.00
5,001 to 5,500 pounds	52.00
5,501 to 6,000 pounds	57.00
6,001 to 6,500 pounds	62.00
6,501 to 7,000 pounds	67.00
7,001 to 7,500 pounds	71.00
7,501 to 8,000 pounds	77.00
8,001 to 8,500 pounds	81.00
8,501 to 9,000 pounds	86.00
9,001 to 9,500 pounds	91.00
9,501 to 10,000 pounds	95.00
over 10,000 pounds	\$ 0.90 per 100 pounds of empty weight

On October 1, 1983 and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed under this subdivision must be annually revised for the registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use the spring preliminary report of the United States Department of Commerce or its successor agency. A passenger motor vehicle that has been modified with a permanently installed wheelchair lift mechanism or with permanently installed hand controls and that is owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who transports a member of the individual's household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under section 803d must be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this subdivision. As used in this subdivision, "permanently installed hand controls" means a permanently installed device designed to replace the brake and gas pedals of a motor vehicle with hand controls.

(b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle, the tax must be assessed as provided in subdivision (l). A trailer coach not under 1959 PA 243, MCL 125.1035 to 125.1043, and while located on land otherwise assessable as real property under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155, if the trailer coach is used as a place of habitation, and whether or not permanently affixed to the soil, is not exempt from real property taxes.

(c) For a road tractor, modified agricultural vehicle, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer and used

exclusively in connection with a farming operation, including a farmer hauling livestock or farm equipment for other farmers for remuneration in kind or in labor, but not for money, or used for the transportation of the farmer and the farmer's family, and not used for hire, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. If the road tractor, modified agricultural vehicle, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer is also used for a nonfarming operation, the farmer is subject to the highest registration tax applicable to the nonfarm use of the vehicle but is not subject to more than 1 tax rate under this act.

(d) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with the wood harvesting operations or a truck used exclusively to haul milk from the farm to the first point of delivery, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. A registration secured by payment of the tax prescribed in this subdivision continues in full force and effect until the regular expiration date of the registration. As used in this subdivision:

(i) "Wood harvester" includes the person or persons hauling and transporting raw materials in the form produced at the harvest site or hauling and transporting wood harvesting equipment. Wood harvester does not include a person or persons whose primary activity is tree-trimming or landscaping.

(ii) "Wood harvesting equipment" includes all of the following:

(A) A vehicle that directly harvests logs or timber, including, but not limited to, a processor or a feller buncher.

(B) A vehicle that directly processes harvested logs or timber, including, but not limited to, a slasher, delimber, processor, chipper, or saw table.

(C) A vehicle that directly processes harvested logs or timber, including, but not limited to, a forwarder, grapple skidder, or cable skidder.

(D) A vehicle that directly loads harvested logs or timber, including, but not limited to, a knuckle-boom loader, front-end loader, or forklift.

(E) A bulldozer or road grader being transported to a wood harvesting site specifically to build or maintain harvest site roads.

(iii) "Wood harvesting operations" does not include the transportation of processed lumber, Christmas trees, or processed firewood for a profit-making venture.

(e) For a hearse or ambulance used exclusively by a licensed funeral director in the general conduct of the licensee's funeral business, including a hearse or ambulance whose owner is engaged in the business of leasing or renting the hearse or ambulance to others, \$1.17 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the hearse or ambulance.

(f) For a vehicle owned and operated by this state, a state institution, a municipality, a privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department, or a nonpublic, nonprofit college or university, \$5.00 per plate. A registration plate issued under this subdivision expires on June 30 of the year in which new registration plates are reissued for all vehicles by the secretary of state.

(g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes, parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior citizen center, \$10.00, if the bus, station wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle or motor vehicle is designated by proper signs showing the organization operating the vehicle.

(h) For a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; for a vehicle owned by the Civil Air Patrol, as organized under 36 USC 40301 to 40307, \$10.00 per plate, if the vehicle is designated by a proper sign that shows the Civil Air Patrol's name; for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans center; for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a federally recognized nonprofit conservation organization; for a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or ship's body that is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and used exclusively in parades and civic events; or for an emergency support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable organization; or for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit food pantry or nonprofit food bank, \$10.00 per plate.

(i) For each truck owned and operated free of charge by a bona fide ecclesiastical or charitable corporation, or Red Cross, Girl Scout, or Boy Scout organization, 65 cents per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the truck.

(j) For each truck, weighing 8,000 pounds or less, and not used to tow a vehicle, for each privately owned truck used to tow a trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved in a profit-making venture, and for each vehicle designed and used to tow a mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided in subdivision (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the following schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

Empty weights		Per 100 pounds
0 to 2,500 pounds	\$	1.40
2,501 to 4,000 pounds		1.76
4,001 to 6,000 pounds		2.20
6,001 to 8,000 pounds		2.72
8,001 to 10,000 pounds		3.25
10,001 to 15,000 pounds		3.77
15,001 pounds and over		4.39

If the tax required under subdivision (p) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list price as the vehicle for which registration is sought under this subdivision is more than the tax provided under the preceding provisions of this subdivision for an identical vehicle, the tax required under this subdivision is not less than the tax required under subdivision (p) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list price.

(k) For each truck weighing 8,000 pounds or less towing a trailer or any other combination of vehicles and for each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor, or truck tractor, except as provided in subdivision (j), according to the following schedule of elected gross weights:

Elected gross weight		Tax
0 to 24,000 pounds	\$	590.00
24,001 to 26,000 pounds		670.00
26,001 to 28,000 pounds		670.00
28,001 to 32,000 pounds		779.00
32,001 to 36,000 pounds		893.00
36,001 to 42,000 pounds		1,049.00
42,001 to 48,000 pounds		1,206.00
48,001 to 54,000 pounds		1,362.00
54,001 to 60,000 pounds		1,522.00
60,001 to 66,000 pounds		1,678.00
66,001 to 72,000 pounds		1,835.00
72,001 to 80,000 pounds		1,992.00
80,001 to 90,000 pounds		2,152.00
90,001 to 100,000 pounds		2,403.00
100,001 to 115,000 pounds		2,668.00
115,001 to 130,000 pounds		2,938.00
130,001 to 145,000 pounds		3,204.00
145,001 to 160,000 pounds		3,473.00
over 160,000 pounds		3,741.00

For each commercial vehicle registered under this subdivision or section 801g, \$15.00 must be deposited in the truck safety fund to be expended as provided in section 25 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.675.

If a truck tractor or road tractor without trailer is leased from an individual owner-operator, the lessee, whether an individual, firm, or corporation, shall pay to the owner-operator 60% of the tax prescribed in this subdivision for the truck tractor or road tractor at the rate of 1/12 for each month of the lease or arrangement in addition to the compensation the owner-operator is entitled to for the rental of the owner-operator's equipment.

(l) For each pole trailer, semitrailer, trailer coach, or trailer, the tax must be assessed according to the following schedule of empty weights:

Empty weights		Tax
0 to 2,499 pounds	\$	75.00
2,500 to 9,999 pounds		200.00
10,000 pounds and over		300.00

The registration plate issued under this subdivision expires only when the secretary of state reissues a new registration plate for all trailers. Beginning October 1, 2005, if the secretary of state reissues a new

registration plate for all trailers, a person who has once paid the tax as increased by 2003 PA 152 for a vehicle under this subdivision is not required to pay the tax for that vehicle a second time, but is required to pay only the cost of the reissued plate at the rate provided in section 804(2) for a standard plate. A registration plate issued under this subdivision is nontransferable.

(m) For each commercial vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for hire except for a vehicle for which a payment is made under 1960 PA 2, MCL 257.971 to 257.972, according to the following schedule of empty weights:

	Per 100 pounds
0 to 4,000 pounds	\$ 1.76
4,001 to 6,000 pounds	2.20
6,001 to 10,000 pounds	2.72
10,001 pounds and over	3.25

(n) For each motorcycle, as follows:

(i) Until February 18, 2019	\$ 23.00
(ii) Beginning February 19, 2019	\$ 25.00

On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed under this subdivision must be annually revised for the registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use the spring preliminary report of the United States Department of Commerce or its successor agency.

Beginning January 1, 1984, the registration tax for each motorcycle is increased by \$3.00. The \$3.00 increase is not part of the tax assessed under this subdivision for the purpose of the annual October 1 revisions but is in addition to the tax assessed as a result of the annual October 1 revisions. Beginning January 1, 1984 and ending February 18, 2019, \$3.00 of each motorcycle fee must be placed in a motorcycle safety fund in the state treasury and must be used only for funding the motorcycle safety education program as provided for under sections 312b and 811a. Beginning February 19, 2019, \$5.00 of each motorcycle fee must be placed in the motorcycle safety fund and must be used only for funding the motorcycle safety education program as provided for under sections 312b and 811a.

(o) For each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or part of a moving van in transporting household furniture and household effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting carnivals, at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross weights in subdivision (k) as modified by the operation of that subdivision.

(p) After September 30, 1983, each motor vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year as shown on the application required under section 217 that has not been previously subject to the tax rates of this section and that is of the motor vehicle category otherwise subject to the tax schedule described in subdivision (a), and each low-speed vehicle according to the following schedule based upon registration periods of 12 months:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, according to the following schedule based on the vehicle's list price:

List Price	Tax
\$ 0 - \$ 6,000.00	\$ 36.00
More than \$ 6,000.00 - \$ 7,000.00	\$ 40.00
More than \$ 7,000.00 - \$ 8,000.00	\$ 46.00
More than \$ 8,000.00 - \$ 9,000.00	\$ 52.00
More than \$ 9,000.00 - \$ 10,000.00	\$ 58.00
More than \$ 10,000.00 - \$ 11,000.00	\$ 64.00
More than \$ 11,000.00 - \$ 12,000.00	\$ 70.00
More than \$ 12,000.00 - \$ 13,000.00	\$ 76.00
More than \$ 13,000.00 - \$ 14,000.00	\$ 82.00
More than \$ 14,000.00 - \$ 15,000.00	\$ 88.00
More than \$ 15,000.00 - \$ 16,000.00	\$ 94.00
More than \$ 16,000.00 - \$ 17,000.00	\$ 100.00
More than \$ 17,000.00 - \$ 18,000.00	\$ 106.00
More than \$ 18,000.00 - \$ 19,000.00	\$ 112.00
More than \$ 19,000.00 - \$ 20,000.00	\$ 118.00
More than \$ 20,000.00 - \$ 21,000.00	\$ 124.00

More than \$ 21,000.00 - \$ 22,000.00	\$	130.00
More than \$ 22,000.00 - \$ 23,000.00	\$	136.00
More than \$ 23,000.00 - \$ 24,000.00	\$	142.00
More than \$ 24,000.00 - \$ 25,000.00	\$	148.00
More than \$ 25,000.00 - \$ 26,000.00	\$	154.00
More than \$ 26,000.00 - \$ 27,000.00	\$	160.00
More than \$ 27,000.00 - \$ 28,000.00	\$	166.00
More than \$ 28,000.00 - \$ 29,000.00	\$	172.00
More than \$ 29,000.00 - \$ 30,000.00	\$	178.00

More than \$30,000.00, the tax of \$178.00 is increased by \$6.00 for each \$1,000.00 increment or fraction of a \$1,000.00 increment over \$30,000.00. If a current tax increases or decreases as a result of 1998 PA 384, only a vehicle purchased or transferred after January 1, 1999 must be assessed the increased or decreased tax.

(ii) For the second registration, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (i).

(iii) For the third registration, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (ii).

(iv) For the fourth and subsequent registrations, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (iii).

For a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has been previously registered by a person other than the person applying for registration or for a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has been previously registered in another state or country and is registered for the first time in this state, the tax under this subdivision is determined by subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the calendar year for which the registration is sought. If the result is zero or a negative figure, the first registration tax must be paid. If the result is 1, 2, or 3 or more, then, respectively, the second, third, or subsequent registration tax must be paid. A passenger motor vehicle that has been modified with a permanently installed wheelchair lift mechanism or with permanently installed hand controls and that is owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who transports a member of the individual's household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under section 803d must be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this subdivision. As used in this subdivision, "permanently installed hand controls" means a permanently installed device designed to replace the brake and gas pedals of a motor vehicle with hand controls.

(q) For a wrecker, \$200.00.

(r) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this act, a computation that does not result in a whole dollar figure must be rounded to the next lower whole dollar if the computation results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and must be rounded to the next higher whole dollar if the computation results in a figure ending in 51 cents or more, unless specific taxes are specified, and the secretary of state may accept the manufacturer's shipping weight of the vehicle fully equipped for the use for which the registration application is made. If the weight is not correctly stated or is not satisfactory, the secretary of state shall determine the actual weight. Each application for registration of a vehicle under subdivisions (j) and (m) must have attached to the application a scale weight receipt of the vehicle fully equipped as of the time the application is made. The scale weight receipt is not necessary if there is presented with the application a registration receipt of the previous year that shows on its face the weight of the motor vehicle as registered with the secretary of state and that is accompanied by a statement of the applicant that there has not been a structural change in the motor vehicle that has increased the weight and that the previous registered weight is the true weight.

(2) A manufacturer is not exempted under this act from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond, except on the specified number of motor vehicles registered. A dealer is exempt from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond.

(3) Until October 1, 2027, the tax for a vehicle with an empty weight over 10,000 pounds imposed under subsection (1)(a) and the taxes imposed under subsection (1)(c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j), (m), (o), and (p) are each increased as follows:

(a) A regulatory fee of \$2.25, which must be credited to the traffic law enforcement and safety fund created in section 819a and used to regulate highway safety.

(b) A fee of \$5.75, which must be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a tax required to be paid under this section is not received by the secretary of state on or before the expiration date of the registration plate, the secretary of state shall collect a late fee of \$10.00 for each registration renewed after the expiration date. An application for a renewal of a registration using the regular mail and postmarked before the expiration date of that registration must not be assessed a late fee. The late fee collected under this subsection must be deposited into the general fund. The secretary of state shall waive the late fee collected under this subsection if all of the following are satisfied:

(a) The registrant presents proof of storage insurance for the vehicle for which the late fee is assessed that

is valid for the period of time between the expiration date of the most recent registration and the date of application for the renewal.

(b) The registrant requests in person at a department branch office that the late fee be waived at the time of application for the renewal.

(5) In addition to the registration taxes under this section, the secretary of state shall collect taxes charged under section 801j and credit revenues to a regional transit authority created under the regional transit authority act, 2012 PA 387, MCL 124.541 to 124.558, minus necessary collection expenses as provided in section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963. Necessary collection expenses incurred by the secretary of state under this subsection must be based upon an established cost allocation methodology.

(6) This section does not apply to a historic vehicle.

(7) Beginning January 1, 2017, the registration fee imposed under this section for a vehicle using 4 or more tires is increased as follows:

(a) If the vehicle is a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, the registration fee for that vehicle is increased by \$30.00 for a vehicle with an empty weight of 8,000 pounds or less, and \$100.00 for a vehicle with an empty weight of more than 8,000 pounds. As used in this subdivision and subsection (8)(a), "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle that can use batteries to power an electric motor and use another fuel, such as gasoline or diesel, to power an internal combustion engine or other propulsion source, and that may use electricity from the grid to run the vehicle some or all of the time.

(b) If the vehicle is an electric vehicle, the registration fee for that vehicle is increased by \$100.00 for a vehicle with an empty weight of 8,000 pounds or less, and \$200.00 for a vehicle with an empty weight of more than 8,000 pounds. As used in this subdivision and subsection (8)(b), "electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is propelled solely by electrical energy and that is not capable of using gasoline, diesel fuel, or alternative fuel to propel the vehicle.

(8) Beginning January 1, 2017, if the tax on gasoline imposed under section 8 of the motor fuel tax act, 2000 PA 403, MCL 207.1008, is increased above 19 cents per gallon, the secretary of state shall increase the fees collected under subsection (7) as follows:

(a) For a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, \$2.50 per each 1 cent above 19 cents per gallon.

(b) For an electric vehicle, \$5.00 per each 1 cent above 19 cents per gallon.

(9) As used in this section:

(a) "Alternative fuel" means that term as defined in section 151 of the motor fuel tax act, 2000 PA 403, MCL 207.1151.

(b) "Diesel fuel" means that term as defined in section 2 of the motor fuel tax act, 2000 PA 403, MCL 207.1002.

(c) "Gasoline" means that term as defined in section 3 of the motor fuel tax act, 2000 PA 403, MCL 207.1003.

(d) "Gross proceeds" means that term as defined in section 1 of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51, and includes the value of the motor vehicle used as part payment of the purchase price as that value is agreed to by the parties to the sale, as evidenced by the signed agreement executed under section 251.

(e) "List price" means the manufacturer's suggested base list price as published by the secretary of state, or the manufacturer's suggested retail price as shown on the label required to be affixed to the vehicle under 15 USC 1232, if the secretary of state has not at the time of the sale of the vehicle published a manufacturer's suggested retail price for that vehicle, or the purchase price of the vehicle if the manufacturer's suggested base list price is unavailable from the sources described in this subdivision.

(f) "Purchase price" means the gross proceeds received by the seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle being registered.

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384, Eff. Jan. 1, 1999;—Am. 2000, Act 47, Imd. Eff. Mar. 27, 2000;—Am. 2000, Act 82, Eff. July 1, 2000;—Am. 2000, Act 502, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001;—Am. 2002, Act 417, Imd. Eff. June 5, 2002;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2004, Act 427, Imd. Eff. Dec. 17, 2004;—Am. 2006, Act 136, Imd. Eff. May 12, 2006;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007;—Am. 2008, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Feb. 15, 2008;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2012, Act 388, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013;—Am. 2012, Act 498, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2015, Act 174, Eff. Apr. 1, 2016;—Am. 2016, Act 148, Eff. Sept. 7, 2016;—Am. 2017, Act 115, Eff. Oct. 25, 2017;—Am. 2017, Act 238, Eff. Mar. 21, 2018;—Am. 2018, Act 152, Eff. Aug. 14, 2018;—Am. 2018, Act 656, Eff. Mar. 29, 2019;—Am. 2019, Act 88, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2019;—Am. 2020, Act 103, Eff. Sept. 29, 2020;—Am. 2023, Act 129, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2023.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 2 of Act 470 of 2014 provides:

"Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Joint Resolution UU of the 97th Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963."

House Joint Resolution UU was presented to the electors as Proposal 15-1 at the May 5, 2015 special election. The proposal to amend the constitution was not approved by the voters and Act 470 of 2014 does not go into effect.

257.801a Registration fees; portable feed mills or mixers.

Sec. 801a. In computing the tax imposed by section 801 on portable feed mills or mixers used to grind or mix grain at the farm for use on the farm and not for resale, the secretary of state shall use the weight of the cab and chassis only.

History: Add. 1958, Act 3, Imd. Eff. Feb. 27, 1958.

257.801b Refund of specific tax paid in error; refund of dealer license fees; refund on and return of registration plates or tabs; refund in case of original application for certain registration plates; refund or credit for plates issued under MCL 257.801g.

Sec. 801b. (1) If a person, through error either on his or her own part or that of the secretary of state, pays the specific tax required by section 801 or 802 more than once on the same equipment, the secretary of state, upon application and satisfactory proof, shall refund the amount paid in error. A claim shall be filed within 1 year after the date of payment and verified by the secretary of state before a refund is made. If an application for a dealer license provided for in section 248 is withdrawn by the applicant or the applicant's heir, before issuance of the dealer license, the fees that accompanied the application under sections 803, 803a, and 807 may be refunded by the secretary of state upon application and satisfactory proof.

(2) If a person's license to drive a motor vehicle is revoked, suspended, or denied for medical or physical reasons, the person may return the registration plates and obtain a refund on the plates prorated on a monthly basis for the time period remaining in the registration year from the date the plates are returned. However, the refund shall not exceed the original registration fee.

(3) Upon the death of a spouse, the surviving spouse may return registration plates and obtain a refund on the plates prorated on a monthly basis for the time period remaining in the registration year from the date the plates are returned. However, the refund shall not exceed the original registration fee.

(4) The owner of a registered vehicle who transfers or assigns title or interest in that registered vehicle before placing upon the registered vehicle the registration plates or tabs issued for that registered vehicle may obtain a refund in full from the secretary of state for the registration plates or tabs. Registration plates, or tabs issued for 1978 and thereafter shall be returned by the owner within 30 days following the date of transfer or assignment.

(5) The owner of a vehicle registered pursuant to section 801d(2) who transfers or assigns title or interest in the vehicle may obtain a refund on the registration for each unused, whole registration period remaining on the registration from the date the plates are returned and the application for a refund is made.

(6) In the case of an original application for registration plates issued under section 217a or 803b, the secretary of state shall issue a refund prorated on a monthly basis from the date of application for the time period remaining in the previously issued registration, if an application for the refund is made and satisfactory proof is presented to the secretary of state. A refund shall not be made if the amount due is less than \$5.00.

(7) In the case of an original application for the registration plates bearing the letters "SEN" or "REP", the secretary of state shall issue a refund prorated on a monthly basis from the date of application for the time period remaining in the previously issued registration.

(8) In the case of an original application and issuance of an international registration plan registration plate under section 801g, the secretary of state shall make a refund as a credit prorated on a monthly basis from the date of application for the months remaining for the previously issued registration on the same vehicle, if an application for the refund as a credit is made and satisfactory proof of eligibility is presented to the secretary of state. A refund as a credit shall not exceed the total amount of the Michigan apportioned fees assessed for the plates issued under section 801g nor be made if the amount due is less than \$5.00. For the purpose of this subsection, a month shall mean 30 consecutive days and a partial month shall be considered as a whole

month.

History: Add. 1959, Act 64, Imd. Eff. June 5, 1959;—Am. 1974, Act 187, Imd. Eff. July 2, 1974;—Am. 1978, Act 62, Imd. Eff. Mar. 14, 1978;—Am. 1978, Act 548, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1978;—Am. 1978, Act 587, Imd. Eff. Jan. 3, 1979;—Am. 1980, Act 46, Imd. Eff. Mar. 19, 1980;—Am. 1980, Act 281, Imd. Eff. Oct. 9, 1980;—Am. 1986, Act 311, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1986.

257.801c Nonpayment of check or draft for fee or tax on vehicle; liability; penalties; collection of delinquent accounts.

Sec. 801c. (1) If a check or draft in payment of a fee or tax under this act is not paid on its first presentation, the fee or tax is delinquent as of the date the check or draft was tendered. The person tendering the check or draft remains liable for the payment of each fee or tax and a penalty. The penalty shall be assessed according to the following table and shall be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund established under section 801b:

Amount of Check or Draft	Penalty
\$.01 to 15.00	\$ 5.00
15.01 to 50.00	10.00
50.01 to 100.00	20.00
100.01 to 300.00	60.00
300.01 and higher	20% of the check or draft

(2) An operator's or chauffeur's license shall not be issued or renewed for a person who has had outstanding against him or her a claim resulting from nonpayment of a check or draft used to pay a fee or tax to the secretary of state.

(3) The department shall suspend, until all fees, taxes, and penalties due are paid, the operator's or chauffeur's license of a person who has had outstanding against him or her for not less than 60 days a claim resulting from nonpayment of a check or draft used to pay a fee or tax to the secretary of state. A person whose operator's or chauffeur's license has been suspended under this section shall not be subject to the examination provisions of section 320c.

(4) The collection of delinquent accounts remains the responsibility of the office of secretary of state.

History: Add. 1971, Act 8, Eff. July 1, 1971;—Am. 1976, Act 315, Imd. Eff. Dec. 7, 1976;—Am. 1980, Act 281, Imd. Eff. Oct. 9, 1980;—Am. 2006, Act 298, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2006;—Am. 2012, Act 498, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

Compiler's note: In subsection (1), the reference to "section 801b" evidently should be a reference to "section 810b."

257.801d Repealed. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to taxes for pole trailer, semitrailer, or trailer, and issuance and registration fees for fleet vehicles.

257.801e Moped; application for registration; form; signature; fee; issuance and contents of certificate of registration; insurance; size, legibility, and inspection of certificate; issuance and display of decal; rules; certificate of registration for use in testing or demonstrating moped; duration of registration.

Sec. 801e. (1) When a moped required to be registered under this act is sold by a retailer to a general purchaser, the certificate of registration shall be obtained in the name of the purchaser by the retailer. In other cases, the certificate of registration shall be obtained by the purchaser. The application shall be signed by the purchaser of the moped and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$15.00. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the secretary of state shall enter the application upon the secretary of state's records and issue to the applicant a certificate of registration containing the decal for the moped, the name and address of the owner, and other information the secretary of state considers necessary. A moped shall not be required to be insured in the manner specified for motor vehicles under chapter 31 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, being sections 500.3101 to 500.3179 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The certificate of registration shall be pocket size, shall accompany the vehicle, shall be legible, and shall be made available for inspection upon demand by a law enforcement officer.

(2) A decal indicating that the certificate of registration is in full force and effect shall be issued. A registration certificate and decal shall not be issued earlier than 90 days preceding the commencement date of the new registration period. Display of the decal shall be as prescribed by rule promulgated by the secretary of state.

(3) A retailer or manufacturer of mopeds, upon application to the secretary of state upon forms provided by the secretary of state, may obtain certificates of registration for use in the testing or demonstrating of a moped upon payment of \$10.00 for each of the first 2 registration certificates. Additional certificates may be issued at a cost of \$5.00 each and used by the applicant only in the testing or demonstrating of mopeds by temporary

placement of the registration on the moped being tested or demonstrated. A certificate issued pursuant to this subsection may be used on only 1 moped at any given time.

(4) A moped registration shall be valid for a 3-year period which begins on May 1 and expires on April 30 of the third registration year. For purposes of this subsection, a registration year begins on May 1 and ends on April 30.

History: Add. 1976, Act 439, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;—Am. 1978, Act 427, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 1978;—Am. 1979, Act 120, Eff. Apr. 15, 1980;—Am. 1983, Act 91, Imd. Eff. June 16, 1983.

257.801f Moped; notice of destruction or abandonment; surrender and cancellation of certificate of registration; notice of change of address; transfer of certificate; fee; duration of registration; duplicate certificate.

Sec. 801f. (1) The owner of a moped shall notify the secretary of state if the moped is destroyed or abandoned within 15 days after its destruction or abandonment. Notice shall consist of a surrender of the certificate of registration on which the proper information shall be noted on a place to be provided. The secretary of state shall cancel the certificate and enter that fact in the records of the secretary of state.

(2) The owner of a moped shall notify the secretary of state upon a change of address. The new address shall be recorded by the secretary of state and a certificate of registration bearing that information shall be returned to the owner.

(3) The transferee of a moped, within 15 days after acquiring it, shall make application to the secretary of state for transfer of the certificate of registration issued to the moped, giving the transferee's name, address, and the number of the moped and pay to the secretary of state a transfer fee of \$10.00. A registration fee of \$10.00 shall be assessed if the transferred registration would have remained valid for 1 year or less. If the transferred registration would have remained valid for more than 1 year but less than 2 years, a registration fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed. A registration fee shall not be assessed if the transferred registration would have remained valid for 2 or more years. Upon receipt of the application and fees, the secretary of state shall transfer the certificate of registration issued for the moped to the new owner. The registration shall be valid for 3 registration years. Unless the application is made and the fee paid within 15 days, the moped shall be considered to be without certificate of registration and a person shall not operate the moped until a certificate is issued.

(4) If a certificate of registration is lost, mutilated, or becomes illegible, the owner of a moped shall obtain a duplicate of the certificate upon application and payment of a fee of \$2.00.

History: Add. 1976, Act 439, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;—Am. 1979, Act 120, Eff. Apr. 15, 1980;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987.

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

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.

History: Add. 1980, Act 505, Imd. Eff. Jan. 22, 1981;—Am. 1984, Act 330, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1984;—Am. 1986, Act 311, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1986;—Am. 1989, Act 280, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1989;—Am. 1992, Act 29, Eff. Jan. 1, 1993;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011.

257.801h Fleet registration; application; issuance and display of registration plates; tax; late fee; adding or deleting registration; ineligible vehicle; determination of owner's compliance.

Sec. 801h. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision in this act, the owner or lessee of a fleet of 300 or more vehicles that are or will be registered under section 801 may apply to the secretary of state for special registration plates for any number of 300 or more vehicles in a fleet. An application shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and include an agreement that, at a minimum, the applicant agrees to pay annual fleet registration taxes under this section in a manner determined by the secretary of state.

(2) Upon approval of the application and payment of the required registration taxes, the secretary of state may issue the applicant a registration plate under section 224 and a registration certificate under section 222 for each vehicle. The registration plate and certificate shall each be in a format as prescribed by the secretary of state.

(3) The name, emblem, trademark, or logo of the company issued fleet registration plates under this section shall be prominently displayed on the right and left sides of all vehicles registered under this section by that applicant. The name, emblem, trademark, or logo shall contain letters, figures, or numerals in sharp contrast to the background of the name, emblem, trademark, or logo and shall be of a size, shape, and color that is readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet. This subsection does not apply to passenger vehicle rental fleets.

(4) The registration tax for each vehicle registered under this section shall be paid annually. Registration taxes under this section are payable in full not later than the due date provided in section 226. If the owner of

a vehicle registered under this section fails to pay the annual registration tax for that vehicle, the secretary of state shall collect a late fee of \$100.00 for the individual vehicle registration for that vehicle, in addition to the registration tax. If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section fails to comply with the terms of the fleet registration plate agreement provided in subsection (1), except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the secretary of state shall immediately suspend the registration of all vehicles registered by that owner under this section. The registration shall remain suspended and the owner shall not apply for the registration or reregistration of a vehicle under this section until payment in full of the tax, and late fee, if applicable, owed is made. After providing notice to the owner, the secretary of state shall notify law enforcement of any plate suspended under this section. The secretary of state shall not suspend the registration of all vehicles registered under a fleet vehicle registration plate agreement under subsection (1) for failure to timely pay the annual registration tax for an individual vehicle registered under the fleet vehicle registration plate agreement.

(5) At any time an owner or lessee in good standing may add a vehicle to the list of vehicles registered under this section. To add a vehicle, the owner or lessee shall make application to the secretary of state, in a form prescribed by the secretary of state, accompanied by the registration taxes required under section 801.

(6) At any time an owner or lessee may delete the registration of a vehicle from the list of vehicles registered under this section. To delete a vehicle, the owner shall notify the secretary of state of the proposed deletion in a form prescribed by the secretary of state and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, surrender to the secretary of state the registration plate assigned to the deleted vehicle. The secretary of state shall collect a late fee of \$100.00 from a vehicle owner who does not return a fleet registration plate to the secretary of state within 30 days after deleting that vehicle's registration under this subsection. A vehicle owner is not required to surrender a fleet registration plate assigned to a deleted vehicle if the fleet registration plate is properly transferred to another vehicle in that fleet and the registration for the vehicle to which the fleet registration plate is transferred is transferred within 30 days after the deleted vehicle is removed from the fleet. A vehicle owner shall surrender to the secretary of state a fleet registration plate that has been transferred from a deleted vehicle to another vehicle in the same fleet as provided in this subsection when the registration for that vehicle expires or when that vehicle is deleted from the fleet.

(7) A vehicle not titled or leased in the name of the applicant is not eligible for registration under this section. A vehicle registered under section 801g is not eligible for registration under this section.

(8) The secretary of state or the authorized representative of the secretary of state may visit and examine the vehicle registration records of an owner whose vehicles are registered under this act. This authority only applies to visits during the regular business hours of the owner and to those vehicles and records necessary for the secretary of state to determine an owner's compliance with this section.

History: Add. 1996, Act 551, Eff. Oct. 1, 1997;—Am. 2018, Act 425, Eff. Apr. 1, 2019.

257.801i Issuance of registration for more than 1 period.

Sec. 801i. (1) The secretary of state, upon request, may issue a vehicle registration under this act for more than 1 registration period in a manner determined by the secretary of state. The registration tax shall be prorated according to the taxes and expiration dates provided for under this act.

(2) If a registration is purchased under this section, an annual tax increase provided for under this act shall not be assessed during the remainder of the period that the registration was purchased.

History: Add. 2000, Act 36, Eff. Apr. 1, 2001.

257.801j Additional tax charged by regional transit authority.

Sec. 801j. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6), in addition to the required vehicle registration tax under section 801(1)(p), a regional transit authority created under the regional transit authority act, 2012 PA 387, MCL 124.541 to 124.558, may charge an additional tax on vehicle registrations issued to residents of a public transit region of not more than \$1.20 for each \$1,000.00 or fraction of \$1,000.00 of the vehicle's list price as used in calculating the tax under section 801(1)(p). The authority may charge the additional tax only upon the approval of a majority of the electors in a public transit region voting on the tax at an election held on the regular November election date as provided in section 641(1)(d) of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.641.

(2) In addition to any other requirements imposed by law, the ballot question proposing authorization of the tax under subsection (1) shall specify how the proceeds of the tax shall be expended.

(3) The tax collected under this section shall only be used by the regional transit authority for comprehensive transportation purposes as defined by law for purposes of section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

(4) A proposal for a tax under this section shall not be placed on the ballot under subsection (1) unless the proposal is adopted by a resolution of the board of directors of the regional transit authority and certified by

the board of directors not later than 70 days before the election to the county clerk of each county within the public transit region for inclusion on the ballot.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6), if a majority of voters in a public transit region approve a tax under subsection (1), no later than 1 year after voter approval, the secretary of state shall collect the tax on all vehicles registered to residents of the public transit region under section 801(1)(p) and shall credit the tax collected to the regional transit authority, minus necessary collection expenses as provided in section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963. Necessary collection expenses incurred by the secretary of state under this subsection shall be based upon an established cost allocation methodology.

(6) This section does not apply to a company test vehicle. As used in this subsection, "company test vehicle" means a vehicle that is owned by a manufacturer and that satisfies 1 or both of the following:

(a) The vehicle is part of a product testing program as defined by the United States department of treasury under treas. reg. 1.132-5(n)(2001).

(b) The vehicle is furnished by the manufacturer to an employee of the manufacturer for the purpose of testing, evaluating product quality and performance, reporting defects, or suggesting product or production improvements as an ordinary and necessary business expense of the manufacturer.

History: Add. 2012, Act 498, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013;—Am. 2014, Act 171, Eff. Sept. 15, 2014.

Compiler's note: Act 388 of 2012, effective March 28, 2013, added MCL 257.801j. Act 498 of 2012, effective March 28, 2013, also added MCL 257.801j. Because Act 498 of 2012 was filed after Act 388 of 2012, the text from MCL 257.801j, as added by Act 498 of 2012, appears.

257.801k Late fees; exception for certain vehicles in pandemic; adequate in-person services.

Sec. 801k. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter and subject to subsection (3), late fees must not be assessed on the following vehicles:

(a) A vehicle registered under section 801(1)(j) or (k) or section 801g whose registration expires on or after March 1, 2020 and whose registration is renewed before March 31, 2021. A vehicle registered under section 801(1)(j) or (k) or 801g whose registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 and whose registration is renewed within 120 days after the date of the expiration. The secretary of state shall, upon an applicant's request, reimburse a late renewal fee assessed and collected for a vehicle registered under section 801(1)(j) or (k) or 801g whose registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 and whose registration is renewed within 120 days after the date of the expiration.

(b) All other vehicles registered under this chapter whose registration expires on or after March 1, 2020 and whose registration is renewed before March 31, 2021. All other vehicles registered under this chapter whose registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 and whose registration is renewed within 120 days after the date of the expiration. The secretary of state shall, upon an applicant's request, reimburse a late renewal fee assessed and collected for all other vehicles registered under this chapter whose registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 and whose registration is renewed within 120 days after the date of the expiration.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter and subject to subsection (3), both of the following apply:

(a) The secretary of state shall not assess a late renewal fee for a registration under section 216(2), 226(11) or (13), or 255(4) if the registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 and is renewed within 120 days after the date of the expiration.

(b) The secretary of state shall, upon an applicant's request, reimburse a late renewal fee assessed and collected for a registration under section 216(2), 226(11) or (13), or 255(4) if the registration expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 and is renewed within 120 days after the date of the expiration.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if, on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the secretary of state does not provide adequate in-person services, the secretary of state shall not assess a late renewal fee under this act until the secretary of state resumes providing adequate in-person services.

History: Add. 2020, Act 127, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2020;—Am. 2020, Act 241, Eff. Oct. 28, 2020;—Am. 2020, Act 304, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 2020;—Am. 2021, Act 71, Imd. Eff. July 29, 2021.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 71 of 2021 provides:

"Enacting section 1. Sections 216(2), 217(11) and (12), 226(11) and (13), 255(4), 301(6), 306(1), (2), (4), and (6), 306a(4), 309(11), 312k(1), 314(7), 801k(1) and (2), and 811(5) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.216, 257.217, 257.226, 257.255, 257.301, 257.306, 257.306a, 257.309, 257.312k, 257.314, 257.801k, and 257.811, as amended by this amendatory act, are intended to be retroactive and apply retroactively."

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.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1951, Act 270, Eff. Sept. 28, 1951;—Am. 1953, Act 179, Imd. Eff. June 8, 1953;—Am. 1957, Act 33, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957;—Am. 1958, Act 55, Eff. July 1, 1958;—Am. 1959, Act 155, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960;—Am. 1962, Act 166, Eff. Mar. 28, 1963;—Am. 1968, Act 278, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1968;—Am. 1969, Act 309, Imd. Eff. Aug. 14, 1969;—Am. 1978, Act 427, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 1978;—Am. 1978, Act 548, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 172, Imd. Eff. June 23, 1980;—Am. 1980, Act 476, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;—Am. 1982, Act 19, Imd. Eff. Mar. 4, 1982;—Am. 1983, Act 165, Eff. Oct. 1, 1983;—Am. 1983, Act 186, Imd. Eff. Oct. 25, 1983;—Am. 1984, Act 324, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1984;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1988, Act 346, Eff. Jan. 1, 1989;—Am. 1989, Act 286, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1989;—Am. 1989, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Jan. 3, 1990;—Am. 1992, Act 297, Eff. Jan. 1, 1993;—Am. 1996, Act 551, Eff. Oct. 1, 1997;—Am. 1997, Act 80, Eff. Oct. 1, 1997;—Am. 1998, Act 396, Imd. Eff.

Dec. 17, 1998;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2004, Act 163, Imd. Eff. June 23, 2004;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2016, Act 425, Eff. Apr. 4, 2017;—Am. 2019, Act 88, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2019;—Am. 2021, Act 110, Imd. Eff. Nov. 10, 2021;—Am. 2023, Act 129, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2023.

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

257.802a Temporary permits; collection and disposition of fee; bulk sales to agents.

Sec. 802a. (1) For temporary permits, as provided for in section 243 of this act, a fee of \$20.00 shall be collected. The fee shall be credited to the Michigan transportation fund and used to defray the expenses of such temporary permits.

(2) The secretary of state may sell temporary permits in bulk to vehicle owners or to persons who shall act as agents of the secretary of state for the purpose of issuing temporary permits.

History: Add. 1960, Act 98, Imd. Eff. Apr. 26, 1960;—Am. 1984, Act 330, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1984.

257.803 Special plates for manufacturer, transporter, or dealer; fees.

Sec. 803. Except as otherwise provided in section 245, the secretary of state shall charge a \$10.00 fee for each special plate issued under section 244. The secretary of state shall determine the number of special plates reasonably needed by a manufacturer, transporter, or dealer.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1966, Act 216, Eff. Mar. 10, 1967;—Am. 1967, Ex. Sess., Act 3, Imd. Eff. Nov. 15, 1967;—Am. 2002, Act 490, Eff. Oct. 1, 2002;—Am. 2022, Act 224, Eff. Jan. 23, 2023.

***** 257.803a THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 2025: See 257.803a.amended

257.803a Issuance of historic vehicle registration plate or registration tab; fee; certification; registration certificate; registration transferable; expiration or revocation of registration.

Sec. 803a. (1) The secretary of state may issue to the owner of an historic vehicle an historic vehicle registration plate which shall bear the inscription "historical vehicle - Michigan" and the registration number.

(2) The owner of an historic vehicle applying for an historic vehicle registration plate or a registration tab under this section shall pay a fee of \$30.00, shall certify that the vehicle for which the registration is requested is owned and operated solely as an historic vehicle, and shall certify that the vehicle has been inspected and found safe to operate on the highways of this state. The registration certificate need not specify the weight of the historic vehicle. The registration issued under this section is transferable to another historic vehicle upon completion of the application for transfer and payment of the fee in the manner described in section 809.

(3) A registration issued under this section shall expire on April 15 in the tenth year following the date of issuance of the registration.

(4) The secretary of state may revoke a registration issued under this section, for cause shown and after a hearing, for failure of the applicant to comply with this section, for use of the vehicle for which the registration was issued for purposes other than those enumerated in section 20a, or because the vehicle is not safe to operate on the highways of this state.

History: Add. 1951, Act 144, Eff. Sept. 28, 1951;—Am. 1961, Act 186, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961;—Am. 1978, Act 427, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 398, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;—Am. 1980, Act 476, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;—Am. 1981, Act 225, Imd. Eff. Jan. 6, 1982;—Am. 1987, Act 190, Eff. Apr. 15, 1988;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1990, Act 347, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1990;—Am. 1996, Act 404, Eff. Dec. 21, 1996.

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257.803a.amended Issuance or renewal historic vehicle registration plate; fee; certification; registration certificate; registration transferable; expiration or revocation of registration.

Sec. 803a. (1) The secretary of state may issue to the owner of a historic vehicle a historic vehicle registration plate that bears the inscription "historical vehicle - Michigan" and the registration number.

(2) The owner of a historic vehicle applying for a historic vehicle registration plate or a renewal of a historic vehicle registration plate under this section shall do all of the following:

(a) Pay a fee of either \$30.00 or, for a personalized plate under section 803b, \$150.00, as applicable.

(b) Certify that the vehicle for which the registration is requested is owned and operated solely as a historic vehicle.

(c) Certify that the vehicle has been inspected and found safe to operate on the highways of this state.

(3) A registration certificate for a historic vehicle need not specify the weight of the historic vehicle.

(4) A registration issued under this section is transferable to another historic vehicle upon completion of

the application for transfer and payment of the fee in the manner described in section 809.

(5) A registration issued under this section expires on April 15 in the tenth year following the date of issuance of the registration.

(6) The secretary of state may revoke a registration issued under this section, for cause shown and after an opportunity to be heard, for failure of the applicant to comply with this section, for use of the vehicle for which the registration was issued for purposes other than those enumerated in section 20a, or because the vehicle is not safe to operate on the highways of this state.

History: Add. 1951, Act 144, Eff. Sept. 28, 1951;—Am. 1961, Act 186, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961;—Am. 1978, Act 427, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 398, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;—Am. 1980, Act 476, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;—Am. 1981, Act 225, Imd. Eff. Jan. 6, 1982;—Am. 1987, Act 190, Eff. Apr. 15, 1988;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1990, Act 347, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1990;—Am. 1996, Act 404, Eff. Dec. 21, 1996;—Am. 2024, Act 133, Eff. Oct. 8, 2025.

***** 257.803b THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 2025: See 257.803b.amended *****

257.803b Personalized registration plate; use; letters and numbers; material; duplication prohibited; submission of application; payment, disposition, and use of service fee; expiration date; letters and numbers given to different person in subsequent year; other sequence of letters and numbers; temporary permit.

Sec. 803b. (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personalized vehicle registration plate that must be used on the passenger motor vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor home, hearse, bus, trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is issued instead of a standard plate. Personalized plates must bear letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes. The personalized plates must be made of the same material as standard plates. A personalized plate must not duplicate another registration plate.

(2) An application for a personalized registration plate must be submitted to the secretary of state under section 217. Application for an original personalized registration plate must be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for the first month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month of the registration period in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be obtained by requesting that option on the application and paying an additional service fee of \$5.00. The original and duplicate service fees must be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b through October 1, 2027. Application for the renewal of a personalized registration plate must be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. The service fee must be credited to the Michigan transportation fund established under, and must be allocated as prescribed under, section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660. The amount allocated to the state trunk line fund established under section 11 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.661, must be used by the state transportation department for litter pickup and cleanup on state roads and rights-of-way.

(3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate is as prescribed under section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration. Upon the renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for the rear plate designating the next expiration date of the plate. Upon renewal, the secretary of state shall not issue the owner a new exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate is illegible and the owner pays the service fee and registration fee for an original personalized registration plate.

(4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of letters and numbers on a personalized plate must not be given to a different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom the plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date of the plate.

(5) An applicant who applies for a registration plate under section 217d, 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, or 803o is eligible to request, and the secretary of state may issue, the registration plate with a sequence of letters and numbers otherwise authorized under this section.

(6) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a personalized registration plate if the applicant's vehicle registration may expire before receipt of the applicant's personalized registration plate. The temporary registration is valid for not more than 60 days after the date of issuance. The temporary permit must be issued without a fee.

History: Add. 1972, Act 314, Imd. Eff. Jan. 2, 1973;—Am. 1976, Act 49, Imd. Eff. Mar. 18, 1976;—Am. 1978, Act 548, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1978;—Am. 1978, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 476, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;—Am. 1981, Act 225, Imd. Eff. Jan. 6, 1982;—Am. 1988, Act 419, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989;—Am. 1993, Act 295, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994;—Am. 1996, Act 142, Imd. Eff. Mar. 25, 1996;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2004, Act 426, Eff. Jan. 1, 2006;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 11, Eff. July 8, 2015;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2019,

***** 257.803b.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 2025 *****

257.803b.amended Personalized registration plate; use; letters and numbers; material; duplication prohibited; submission of application; payment, disposition, and use of service fee; expiration date; letters and numbers given to different person in subsequent year; other sequence of letters and numbers; temporary permit.

Sec. 803b. (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personalized vehicle registration plate that must be used on the passenger motor vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor home, hearse, bus, trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is issued instead of a standard plate. Personalized plates must bear letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes. The personalized plates must be made of the same material as standard plates. A personalized plate must not duplicate another registration plate.

(2) An application for a personalized registration plate must be submitted to the secretary of state under section 217. Application for an original personalized registration plate must be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for the first month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month of the registration period in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be obtained by requesting that option on the application and paying an additional service fee of \$5.00. The original and duplicate service fees must be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b through October 1, 2027. Application for the renewal of a personalized registration plate must be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. The service fee must be credited to the Michigan transportation fund established under, and must be allocated as prescribed under, section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660. The amount allocated to the state trunk line fund established under section 11 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.661, must be used by the state transportation department for litter pickup and cleanup on state roads and rights-of-way.

(3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate is as prescribed under section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration. Upon the renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for the rear plate designating the next expiration date of the plate. Upon renewal, the secretary of state shall not issue the owner a new exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate is illegible and the owner pays the service fee and registration fee for an original personalized registration plate.

(4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of letters and numbers on a personalized plate must not be given to a different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom the plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date of the plate.

(5) An applicant who applies for a registration plate under section 217d, 803a, 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, or 803o is eligible to request, and the secretary of state may issue, the registration plate with a personalized sequence of letters and numbers authorized under this section.

(6) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a personalized registration plate if the applicant's vehicle registration may expire before receipt of the applicant's personalized registration plate. The temporary registration is valid for not more than 60 days after the date of issuance. The temporary permit must be issued without a fee.

History: Add. 1972, Act 314, Imd. Eff. Jan. 2, 1973;—Am. 1976, Act 49, Imd. Eff. Mar. 18, 1976;—Am. 1978, Act 548, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1978;—Am. 1978, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 476, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;—Am. 1981, Act 225, Imd. Eff. Jan. 6, 1982;—Am. 1988, Act 419, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989;—Am. 1993, Act 295, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994;—Am. 1996, Act 142, Imd. Eff. Mar. 25, 1996;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2004, Act 426, Eff. Jan. 1, 2006;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 11, Eff. July 8, 2015;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2019, Act 88, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2019;—Am. 2023, Act 129, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2023;—Am. 2024, Act 133, Eff. Oct. 8, 2025.

257.803c Personalized registration plates; confiscation for improper use.

Sec. 803c. Use of personalized automobile registration plates on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plates were issued is a misdemeanor. The secretary of state shall confiscate the personalized automobile registration plates of any person who is in violation of this section.

History: Add. 1972, Act 314, Imd. Eff. Jan. 2, 1973.

257.803d Special registration plates for disabled persons or for vehicles used to transport disabled persons; inscription; statements; fees; application; violation; penalty; "disabled person" defined.

Sec. 803d. (1) A disabled person may make application to the secretary of state and the secretary of state may issue special registration plates inscribed with the official international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol and special identification numbers. Vehicles registered under section 801(1)(a) may be issued special registration plates under this section. A vehicle that is used to transport disabled persons may qualify for these distinguishing plates when the registered owner of the vehicle resides at the same address as the disabled person, submits as part of his or her application for the plates a statement to the effect that the vehicle is used for that purpose, and provides the secretary of state with a medical statement attesting to the fact that the person being transported is a disabled person. The fees for the special registration plates shall correspond with the registration fees provided in section 801(1)(a). Application for the special plates shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. As part of a penalty imposed for violation of the special privileges conferred by this section, a magistrate or judge may order the special plates confiscated and returned to the secretary of state together with a certified copy of the sentence imposed. The use of special plates on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plates are issued or by a person who does not qualify under this section is a misdemeanor.

(2) As used in this section, "disabled person" means a person who is determined by a physician, a physician assistant, a physical therapist, or an optometrist as specifically provided in this section licensed to practice in this state to have 1 or more of the following physical characteristics:

(a) Blindness as determined by an optometrist, a physician, or a physician assistant.

(b) Inability to walk more than 200 feet without having to stop and rest.

(c) Inability to do both of the following:

(i) Use 1 or both legs or feet.

(ii) Walk without the use of a wheelchair, walker, crutch, brace, prosthetic, or other device, or without the assistance of another person.

(d) A lung disease from which the person's forced expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or from which the person's arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg of room air at rest.

(e) A cardiovascular condition that causes the person to measure between 3 and 4 on the New York heart classification scale, or that renders the person incapable of meeting a minimum standard for cardiovascular health that is established by the American heart association and approved by the department of public health.

(f) An arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition that severely limits the person's ability to walk.

(g) The persistent reliance upon an oxygen source other than ordinary air.

History: Add. 1974, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 1974;—Am. 1976, Act 279, Imd. Eff. Oct. 14, 1976;—Am. 1977, Act 19, Eff. Oct. 1, 1977;—Am. 1984, Act 175, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1984;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 2018, Act 62, Eff. June 12, 2018.

257.803e Special registration plate; inscription; application; form; proof; issuance of plate; exemption; misdemeanor; expiration of plate; application for renewal; "blue star family member" and "gold star family member" defined.

Sec. 803e. (1) A person who was a prisoner of war or a person whose spouse was a prisoner of war may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and the words "ex-prisoner of war" beneath the registration number.

(2) A person who was a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War I may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and the words "World War I veteran" beneath the registration number.

(3) A person who was a member of the United States Armed Forces during 1941, was stationed at a United States military or naval establishment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands, and survived the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate inscribed with special identification numbers and the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" beneath the registration number.

(4) A recipient of the Purple Heart Medal may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate inscribed with special identification numbers and the words "combat wounded veteran" beneath the registration number. In addition, the special registration plate described in this subsection must be inscribed with a vignette of the official Purple Heart Medal.

(5) Application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of the Purple Heart Medal that the secretary of state may require. Application for a "Gold Star Family" special registration plate described in subsection (9) or a "Blue Star Family" special registration plate described in subsection (10) must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a gold star or blue star family member that the

secretary of state may require. The application for the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(6) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special registration plate under this section must be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. One person in any household is entitled to 1 special registration plate issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from payment of the tax provided in section 801. The person who is issued an additional special registration plate under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax provided for in section 801. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (2), (3), (4), (9), or (10) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(7) The use of a special registration plate issued under this section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(8) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (5).

(9) A gold star family member may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a gold star and the words "Gold Star Family" beneath the registration number.

(10) A blue star family member may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a Blue Star Families insignia and the words "Blue Star Family" beneath the registration number.

(11) As used in this section:

(a) "Blue star family member" means a person who is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces or a person who has an immediate family member serving in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces. As used in this subdivision, "immediate family member" means a parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, foster parent standing in loco parentis, child, stepchild, adopted child, sibling, half-sibling, spouse, or grandparent.

(b) "Gold star family member" means a person who has had an immediate family member die while serving in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces if the immediate family member meets any of the eligibility criteria specified in 10 USC 1126(a)(1) to (3) for a gold star lapel button.

History: Add. 1982, Act 152, Imd. Eff. May 17, 1982;—Am. 1986, Act 260, Imd. Eff. Dec. 9, 1986;—Am. 1988, Act 148, Eff. Nov. 11, 1988;—Am. 1988, Act 149, Eff. Nov. 11, 1988;—Am. 1988, Act 150, Eff. Nov. 11, 1988;—Am. 1994, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 1, 1994;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 2003, Act 30, Imd. Eff. June 30, 2003;—Am. 2011, Act 46, Eff. July 1, 2011;—Am. 2020, Act 51, Imd. Eff. Mar. 3, 2020;—Am. 2022, Act 143, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2022.

257.803f Special registration plates for disabled veterans and surviving spouses; inscription; application; form; service fee prohibited; proof; tax exemption; expiration of plates; renewal; tab for persons with disabilities; misdemeanor.

Sec. 803f. (1) An individual who is a disabled veteran with an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces may apply to the secretary of state if the disabled veteran owns a private passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue a special registration plate inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and the words "disabled veteran" beneath the registration number.

(2) An application for a special registration plate described in subsection (1) must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, must not require a service fee under section 804, and must be accompanied by proof that the applicant was honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces and 1 of the following:

(a) If the applicant is a totally disabled veteran, that the applicant has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected total or permanent total disability rating for compensation.

(b) If the applicant is a totally disabled veteran, that the applicant has been determined to have a service-connected total or permanent total disability rating and is receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the United States Armed Forces.

(c) If the applicant is a partially disabled veteran, that the applicant has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected disability rating of not less than 50%.

(3) A special registration plate issued to a totally disabled veteran described in subsection (2)(a) or (b) is exempt from the payment of the tax provided for in section 801.

(4) A special registration plate issued to a totally disabled veteran described in subsection (2)(a) or (b) expires on the birthday of the totally disabled veteran in a year in which new plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2) for renewal.

(5) A special registration plate issued to a partially disabled veteran described in subsection (2)(c) expires as provided in section 226, and a partially disabled veteran shall apply for renewal of the special registration plate as provided in section 226. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2) for renewal.

(6) The surviving spouse of an individual who is a disabled veteran with a service-connected disability rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs of not less than 50% and an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces may use a special registration plate issued under this section after the death of the disabled veteran. The surviving spouse may renew a special registration plate issued under this section after the death of the disabled veteran in the same manner as provided under this section for a disabled veteran with the same service-connected disability rating as the deceased disabled veteran. If applicable, a surviving spouse must apply for registration of the vehicle on which the surviving spouse wishes to place the disabled veteran plate before using or renewing the plate as described in this section.

(7) If applicable, the secretary of state may issue to a disabled veteran who has been issued a special registration plate under this section a tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with disabilities must be an adhesive tab that displays the international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab for persons with disabilities may be attached only to the special registration plate issued to the disabled veteran under this section.

(8) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. If the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran is a disabled person, the surviving spouse may apply to the secretary of state for a tab for persons with disabilities in the same manner as provided for a disabled veteran under this subsection.

(9) A tab for persons with disabilities issued under subsection (7) must be issued free of charge.

(10) If a disabled veteran who has been issued a tab for persons with disabilities renews the disabled veteran's special registration plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled veteran, free of charge. The disabled veteran is not required to again furnish the proof required under subsection (8).

(11) The use of a special registration plate or a tab for persons with disabilities issued under this section on a motor vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(12) As used in this section, "private passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is personally owned by a disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of transporting the disabled veteran and family members of the disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

History: Add. 1985, Act 99, Imd. Eff. July 18, 1985;—Am. 1986, Act 222, Eff. Oct. 1, 1986;—Am. 1994, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 1, 1994;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 2018, Act 681, Eff. June 26, 2019;—Am. 2022, Act 143, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2022;—Am. 2024, Act 149, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

257.803g Special registration for member of congress from Michigan; issuance; expiration; fee.

Sec. 803g. The secretary of state may issue a special registration to a member of the United States congress from Michigan. The expiration date of a registration issued under this section shall be January 31. The fee for the special registration shall correspond with the registration fees provided in section 801(a) or (q).

History: Add. 1987, Act 151, Imd. Eff. Oct. 29, 1987.

257.803h Tab for persons with disabilities; "disabled person" defined.

Sec. 803h. (1) The secretary of state may issue a tab for persons with disabilities to a disabled person who is issued or has been issued a Michigan motor vehicle registration plate other than a section 803d registration plate for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with disabilities shall be an adhesive tab displaying the international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The use of a tab for persons with disabilities on a registration plate other than the plate for which the tab was issued or by a person who does not qualify as a disabled person is a misdemeanor.

(2) A tab for persons with disabilities shall not be used on a registration plate attached to a motor vehicle

owned and operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a governmental unit; a nonprofit organization; the civil air patrol; or a nonprofit, nonpublic college or university; or on a commercial motor vehicle. A tab for persons with disabilities shall not be placed on a registration plate used for intransit-repair or repossession of a motor vehicle.

(3) As used in this section, "disabled person" means a person who is determined by a physician, a physician assistant, a physical therapist, or an optometrist as specifically provided in this section licensed to practice in this state to have 1 or more of the following physical characteristics:

(a) Blindness as determined by an optometrist, a physician, or a physician assistant.

(b) Inability to walk more than 200 feet without having to stop and rest.

(c) Inability to do both of the following:

(i) Use 1 or both legs or feet.

(ii) Walk without the use of a wheelchair, walker, crutch, brace, prosthetic, or other device, or without the assistance of another person.

(d) A lung disease from which the person's forced expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or from which the person's arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg of room air at rest.

(e) A cardiovascular condition that causes the person to measure between 3 and 4 on the New York heart classification scale, or that renders the person incapable of meeting a minimum standard for cardiovascular health that is established by the American heart association and approved by the department of public health.

(f) An arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition that severely limits the person's ability to walk.

(g) The persistent reliance upon an oxygen source other than ordinary air.

History: Add. 1988, Act 419, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 2018, Act 62, Eff. June 12, 2018.

257.803i Special registration plate for member of National Guard, military reserve, or armed forces; display of vignette; inscription; application form; proof; issuance; tab for persons with disabilities; tax; misdemeanor; expiration; renewal.

Sec. 803i. (1) A person who was or is a member of the National Guard may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the words "national guard" inscribed beneath the registration numbers for passenger vehicles only.

(2) A person who was or is a member of the United States Armed Forces Reserve may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers.

(3) A person who was a member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces who has retired or been granted an honorable discharge from that branch of the United States Armed Forces and who is not otherwise eligible for a special registration plate under this act may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers.

(4) Application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant being or having been a member of the National Guard or the United States Armed Forces Reserve or a member as described in subsection (3) of the United States Armed Forces that the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(5) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle or, for the purposes of subsection (1) or (3), for use on a motorcycle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special registration plate under this section must be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1), (2), or (3) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(6) The use of a special registration plate issued under this section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(7) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (4).

History: Add. 1989, Act 19, Eff. Nov. 11, 1989;—Am. 1992, Act 280, Imd. Eff. Dec. 18, 1992;—Am. 1994, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 1, 1994;—Am. 1997, Act 12, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1997;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 2011, Act 73, Imd. Eff. July 12, 2011;—Am. 2025, Act 1, Imd. Eff. Jan. 1, 2025.

257.803j Special registration plate for member or spouse of member of armed forces during Korean War; display of vignette; inscription; application form; proof; issuance; tab for persons with disabilities; tax; misdemeanor; expiration; renewal.

Sec. 803j. (1) A person who was a member of the United States Armed Forces or a person whose spouse was a member of the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War may make application to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

(2) Application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant or the applicant's spouse having been a Korean War veteran that the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(3) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a special registration plate under this section shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(4) The use of a special registration plate issued under this section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(5) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).

History: Add. 1989, Act 17, Eff. Nov. 11, 1989;—Am. 1994, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 1, 1994;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 1999, Act 183, Imd. Eff. Nov. 24, 1999;—Am. 2022, Act 143, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2022.

257.803k Special registration plate for member or spouse of member of armed forces during Vietnam War; display of vignette; inscription; application form; proof; issuance; tab for persons with disabilities; tax; misdemeanor; expiration; renewal.

Sec. 803k. (1) A person who was a member of the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War or a person whose spouse was a member of the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

(2) Application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having been a Vietnam War veteran that the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(3) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a special registration plate under this section shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(4) The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(5) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).

History: Add. 1989, Act 18, Eff. Nov. 11, 1989;—Am. 1994, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 1, 1994;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 1999, Act 183, Imd. Eff. Nov. 24, 1999;—Am. 2022, Act 143, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2022.

257.803l Special registration plate for member or spouse of member of armed forces during World War II; display of vignette; inscription; application form; proof; issuance; tab for

persons with disabilities; tax; misdemeanor; expiration; renewal.

Sec. 803l. (1) A person who was a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War II or a person whose spouse was a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War II may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

(2) Application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having been a World War II veteran that the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(3) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 special registration plate for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a special registration plate under this section shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued a special registration plate under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(4) The use of a special registration plate issued under this section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(5) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).

History: Add. 1989, Act 16, Eff. Nov. 11, 1989;—Am. 1994, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 1, 1994;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 1999, Act 183, Imd. Eff. Nov. 24, 1999;—Am. 2000, Act 77, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000;—Am. 2022, Act 143, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2022.

257.803m Special organization plates.

Sec. 803m. (1) The secretary of state may issue 2 special organization motor vehicle registration plates to an applicant for use on a passenger motor vehicle, pickup truck, van, or motor home for which the plates are issued instead of standard plates. A special organization motor vehicle registration plate is a registration plate issued by the secretary of state that bears on its face the symbol or emblem of an organization.

(2) Special organization plates shall bear letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes. Special organization plates may contain the symbol of the organization to the left of the plate number. The secretary of state shall not issue a letter combination or permit the use of a symbol which might carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency. The special organization plates shall be made of the same material as standard plates. Special organization plates shall not be a duplication of another registration plate.

(3) In order to qualify its members to receive special organization plates, an organization shall meet all of the following criteria:

(a) Be a nonprofit fraternal or public service organization.

(b) Certify that it consists of not less than 500 members and that not less than 500 members will apply for special organization registration plates.

(c) Have a recognizable state, national, or international symbol or emblem of the organization.

(d) Submit a service fee of \$500.00 for the initial manufacture of the symbols or emblems for the special registration plates.

(e) Not practice or influence others to practice any form of discrimination prohibited by the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act, 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101 to 37.2804.

(4) If an organization meets the criteria set forth in subsection (3), the organization may request the secretary of state to manufacture special organization registration plates for its members. A request shall be accompanied by all of the following:

(a) A copy of the organization's charter and bylaws, if any.

(b) A statement of the organization's consent to use of the organization's symbol or emblem on special organization plates. The statement shall be signed by the president or chief executive officer of the organization.

(c) A sample of the organization's symbol or emblem.

(d) The name of the organization's representative who will serve as a contact person with the secretary of state.

(5) A member of an organization which has met the criteria set forth in subsection (3) shall individually make application for a special organization plate and submit with the application the organization's confirmation of membership on a form provided by the secretary of state.

(6) An application for a special organization registration plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state

pursuant to the procedures prescribed in section 217. In addition to the regular registration fee, each application for a new special organization plate shall be accompanied by a service fee of \$25.00. The service fee prescribed in this subsection shall not be charged in connection with an application for a renewal tab for an existing special organization plate. A special organization registration plate shall expire as provided in section 226.

(7) The secretary of state may issue a temporary registration permit to a person who submits an application and the proper fees for a special organization plate, if the applicant's current vehicle registration will expire before his or her receipt of an organization plate. The temporary registration shall expire upon the applicant's receipt of an organization plate or upon the expiration of 60 days after the date of issuance, whichever occurs first. A temporary permit issued under this subsection shall be issued without charge.

(8) This section shall apply to an organization described in section 811c only to the extent provided by section 811c.

History: Add. 1989, Act 111, Eff. Mar. 29, 1990;—Am. 1994, Act 332, Imd. Eff. Oct. 18, 1994;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

257.803n Special registration plate for member or spouse of member of National Guard, reserve, or branch of armed forces during Persian Gulf War or conflicts in Grenada, Panama, or Lebanon; display of vignette; inscription; application form; proof; issuance; tab for persons with disabilities; tax; misdemeanor; expiration; renewal.

Sec. 803n. (1) A person who was a member or a person whose spouse was a member of the Michigan National Guard, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or any branch of the United States Armed Forces and who was called to active duty during the Persian Gulf War may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

(2) A person who was a member or a person whose spouse was a member of the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Grenada, the conflict in Panama, or the conflict in Lebanon may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

(3) Application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having been a war or conflict veteran that the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(4) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special registration plate under this section shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1) or (2) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(5) The use of a special registration plate issued under this section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(6) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (3).

History: Add. 1992, Act 280, Imd. Eff. Dec. 18, 1992;—Am. 1994, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 1, 1994;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 1999, Act 183, Imd. Eff. Nov. 24, 1999;—Am. 2022, Act 143, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2022.

257.803o Special registration plate for member or spouse of member of National Guard, reserve, or branch of armed forces called to active duty during declared war or armed conflict; display of vignette; inscription; application form; proof; issuance; tab for persons with disabilities; tax; misdemeanor; expiration; renewal.

Sec. 803o. (1) A person who was a member or a person whose spouse was a member of the Michigan National Guard, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or any branch of the United States Armed Forces and who was called to active duty during a declared war or an armed conflict in which the United States was a participant may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

(2) Application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having been a veteran of a declared war or an armed conflict in which the United States was a participant that the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(3) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special registration plate under this section shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(4) The use of a special registration plate issued under this section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(5) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).

History: Add. 1992, Act 280, Imd. Eff. Dec. 18, 1992;—Am. 1994, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 1, 1994;—Am. 1998, Act 68, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998;—Am. 1999, Act 183, Imd. Eff. Nov. 24, 1999;—Am. 2022, Act 143, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2022.

257.803p Authentic Michigan registration plate; fee; certification; registration certificate; transferability; validity; revocation of registration.

Sec. 803p. (1) The owner of an historic vehicle may use an authentic Michigan registration plate of the same year as the model year in which the vehicle was manufactured instead of an historic vehicle registration plate issued under section 803a by presenting the authentic plate number and year to the secretary of state at the time of registration. The owner of an historic vehicle may purchase an authentic Michigan registration plate from another person and restore the plate to its authentic condition for use pursuant to this section. An authentically restored plate shall be considered an authentic Michigan registration plate.

(2) The owner of an historic vehicle applying to use an authentic Michigan registration plate under this section shall pay a fee of \$35.00, shall certify that the vehicle for which the registration is requested is owned and operated solely as an historic vehicle, and shall certify that the vehicle has been inspected and found safe to operate on the highways of this state. The registration certificate need not specify the weight of the historic vehicle. The registration issued under this section is not transferable to another historic vehicle.

(3) A registration issued under this section shall remain valid until the registrant either sells, transfers, or scraps the vehicle or modifies the vehicle in a manner that requires the issuance of a new certificate of title for the vehicle under this act.

(4) After a hearing and for cause shown, the secretary of state may revoke a registration issued under this section for failure of the applicant to comply with this section, for use of the vehicle for which the registration was issued for purposes other than those enumerated in section 20a, or because the vehicle is not safe to operate on the highways of this state.

History: Add. 1996, Act 404, Eff. Dec. 21, 1996.

257.803q Special registration plate; "honorary consul" designation; fee; tax; prohibited use; violation as misdemeanor; expiration; status or immunity.

Sec. 803q. (1) A person who is designated an honorary consul by a diplomatic corps of a nation other than the United States that is recognized by the government of the United States and who is assigned or stationed in Michigan may make application to the secretary of state for a set of 2 special registration plates. Each special registration plate shall have the words "honorary consul" inscribed on the plate.

(2) Application for the set of 2 special registration plates described in subsection (1) shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant is designated as an honorary consul. The application for the set of 2 special registration plates shall also be accompanied by payment of a \$35.00 consulate identification fee for the set of 2 special registration plates. The consulate identification fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and be credited to the Michigan transportation fund. It shall be used first to defray the expenses of the secretary of state in issuing these plates.

(3) Upon proper application and payment of the appropriate consulate identification fee required under subsection (2), the secretary of state shall issue a set of 2 special registration plates described in subsection (1) for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person issued a set of 2 special registration plates under this section shall be assessed the applicable tax under section 801.

(4) The use of a special registration plate described in subsection (1) on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(5) A special registration plate issued under this section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner.

(6) The issuance of a set of 2 special registration plates to an applicant under this section does not confer diplomatic status or diplomatic immunity upon the applicant.

History: Add. 2000, Act 119, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000.

257.803r Service fees; deposit into transportation administration collection fund.

Sec. 803r. The secretary of state shall deposit the service fees collected under sections 803e, 803f, 803i, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803m, 803n, 803o, and 803s(2)(a) into the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b through October 1, 2027.

History: Add. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2019, Act 88, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2019;—Am. 2023, Act 129, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2023;—Am. 2023, Act 317, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024.

257.803s Legacy registration plates; application; fees.

Sec. 803s. (1) Not later than 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the secretary of state shall develop and issue the following legacy registration plates:

(a) A blue registration plate that replicates a registration plate issued by this state during the years 1983 to 2007 as determined by the secretary of state.

(b) A black registration plate that replicates a registration plate issued by this state during the years 1979 to 1983 as determined by the secretary of state.

(c) Only available for issue in the year 2026 to celebrate the United States' semiquincentennial, a red, white, and blue registration plate that replicates a registration plate issued by this state during the year 1976 as determined by the secretary of state.

(2) An application for a legacy registration plate must be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to the procedures prescribed in section 217. In addition to the regular registration fee, an application for a legacy registration plate under this section must be accompanied by the following, as applicable:

(a) For a new legacy registration plate, a service fee of \$5.00.

(b) For a new legacy registration plate, an additional fee of \$50.00. The additional fee must be deposited in the Michigan transportation fund established under section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660.

(c) For a registration renewal of an existing legacy registration plate, an additional fee of \$10.00. The additional fee must be deposited in the Michigan transportation fund established under section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660.

(3) A legacy registration plate expires as provided in section 226.

(4) The secretary of state shall determine the number of each legacy registration plate to be manufactured and issued under this section.

(5) The secretary of state may, as determined necessary by the secretary of state, cease to issue legacy registration plates and duplicate replacements of legacy registration plates for use on vehicles. If the secretary of state ceases to issue legacy registration plates and duplicate replacements of legacy registration plates, the secretary of state may continue to renew legacy registration plates already issued.

History: Add. 2023, Act 317, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024.

257.803t Special "Merchant Marine" registration plate.

Sec. 803t. (1) An individual who was or is a member of the United States Merchant Marine may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the words "Merchant Marine" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

(2) The application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and accompanied by any proof of the applicant being or having been a member of the United States Merchant Marine that the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(3) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. An individual who is a disabled person and applies for a special registration plate under this section must be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803h for the applicant's special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. An individual issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(4) The use of a special registration plate issued under this section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(5) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).

(6) As used in this section, "member of the United States Merchant Marine" means an individual who holds a past or present Merchant Mariner license or credential issued by the United States Coast Guard.

History: Add. 2024, Act 88, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

***** 257.803u.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10, 2025 *****

257.803u.added Special registration for woman veteran; issuance; expiration.

Sec. 803u. (1) A woman who meets either of the following requirements may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the words "woman veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers:

(a) Was a member of the Michigan National Guard, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or any branch of the United States Armed Forces and was called to active duty during a declared war or an armed conflict in which the United States was a participant.

(b) Was a member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, including reservists and National Guard, and has retired or been granted an honorable discharge from that branch of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) Application for a special registration plate must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied by any proof of the applicant meeting the requirements of subsection (1) that the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate must not require a service fee under section 804.

(3) On proper application, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. An individual who is disabled who applies for a special registration plate under this section must be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for the special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuing a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

(4) The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

(5) The special registration plate issued under this section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2) for an application for renewal of the special registration plate.

History: Add. 2024, Act 150, Eff. Nov. 10, 2025.

257.804 Fee for distinctive or commemorative plate and duplicate or replacement license plate; deposit into transportation administration collection fund.

Sec. 804. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, in addition to any other fees required under this act, the applicant shall pay a \$5.00 service fee with each application for each distinctive or commemorative plate provided for in this act to cover manufacturing and issuance costs unless these costs are otherwise specifically provided for in this act.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an applicant for a duplicate or replacement license plate provided for in this act shall pay the following service fee to the secretary of state, in addition to any other fees required under this act:

(a) Five dollars for a standard or graphic standard plate, personalized registration plate, or other registration plate for which the duplicate or replacement fee has not been specified in this act.

(b) Ten dollars for a set of plates provided for in section 803m.

(c) Ten dollars for each fund-raising registration plate issued under section 811e or 811f, or collector plate described in section 811g.

(3) The secretary of state shall deposit the service fees collected under this section in the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b through October 1, 2027.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1989, Act 111, Eff. Mar. 29, 1990;—Am. 1995, Act 129, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1995;—Am. 2000, Act 77, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am.

257.805 Application for issuance or renewal of motor vehicle registration or replacement registration tab or sticker; recreation passport fee; format and language of motor vehicle application; transfer of revenue; adjustment of amounts in subsection (1); annual review; registration tab or sticker; payment as personal information; definitions.

Sec. 805. (1) An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration or for a replacement registration tab or sticker may submit a state park and state-operated public boating access site passport fee to the secretary of state with the application. Subject to subsection (7), the amount of the recreation passport fee is as follows:

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c), \$10.00.
- (b) For an individual who obtains a 2-year vehicle registration under section 226(14), \$20.00.
- (c) For a motorcycle, \$5.00.

(2) In addition to the requirements of section 217, an application for a motor vehicle registration must contain at least the following information, in substantially the following format and language, except that the amount of the recreation passport fee specified must be \$20.00 for a vehicle registered for 2 years under section 226(14) and \$5.00 for a motorcycle:

\$(Amount) — Annual vehicle registration or renewal.
\$10.00 — Annual authorization to use this vehicle for unlimited entry into all Michigan state parks and recreation areas and DNR-operated state boating access sites. (Check one of the boxes below.)
_____ I elect to pay this \$10.00 fee.
_____ I elect not to pay this \$10.00 fee.
This vehicle will not be used to enter the facilities described above.
\$_____ — Total amount due.

(3) The secretary of state may revise the format and language of an application for motor vehicle registration to reflect the fact that, under sections 74116 and 78119 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.74116 and 324.78119, payment of the recreation passport fee authorizes entry into all state parks and recreation areas and designated state-operated public boating access sites until expiration of the motor vehicle registration.

(4) If the applicant applies by mail and, in addition to the registration fee, the applicant pays an amount equal to the recreation passport fee, the applicant shall be considered to have elected to pay the recreation passport fee regardless of whether such an election is indicated on the application.

(5) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to any of the following:

(a) An application submitted by a dealer under section 217 for a vehicle sold, leased, or exchanged by the dealer.

(b) The issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration described in section 803e(1) and exempt under section 803e(6) from the registration tax or the issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration described in section 217d or 803f.

(6) The secretary of state shall, at least monthly, transfer the revenue from recreation passport fees to the department of natural resources for deposit as provided in section 2045 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.2045.

(7) For each calendar year, the state treasurer shall adjust the amounts set forth in subsection (1) by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from October 1, 2010 to the October 1 immediately preceding that calendar year, using the most recent data available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

(8) The legislature shall annually review the amount of revenue raised by the recreation passport fee to ensure that the amount is appropriate for the purposes for which the recreation passport fee is assessed and in compliance with law.

(9) If the secretary of state issues a registration tab or sticker for a registration plate or personalized registration plate under section 224 or 803b for a motor vehicle that had a recreation passport fee paid under this section, the tab or sticker must be marked in a distinctive manner determined by the secretary of state after consultation with the director of the department of natural resources and the department of state police. Before discontinuing the issuance of a registration tab or sticker, the secretary of state shall consult with the director of the department of natural resources and establish an alternative method or procedure the

department of natural resources can use to determine whether a recreation passport fee has been paid for a motor vehicle.

(10) Whether or not an individual paid or indicated that he or she elected to pay or not to pay a recreation passport fee under this section is personal information for purposes of section 40b.

(11) As used in this section:

(a) "Consumer Price Index" means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for this state from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(b) "Motor vehicle" does not include a commercial motor vehicle.

(c) "Recreation passport fee" means the state park and state-operated public boating access site recreation passport fee as provided for in subsection (1).

History: Add. 2010, Act 35, Eff. Oct. 1, 2010;—Am. 2013, Act 82, Eff. May 1, 2014;—Am. 2021, Act 96, Eff. Oct. 1, 2022.

Compiler's note: Former MCL 257.805, which pertained to disposition of registration, special, and duplicate fees, was repealed by Act 51 of 1951, Eff. June 1, 1951.

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, DEALER'S LICENSE AND LIENS

257.806 Certificate of title or duplicate certificate of title; fees; special expeditious treatment; additional fee; deposit in transportation administration collection fund; special identifying number; payment and disposition of tire disposal surcharge.

Sec. 806. (1) Until October 1, 2027, an applicant for a certificate of title required by this act or an applicant for a duplicate of a certificate of title shall accompany the application with a fee of \$10.00. An applicant that requests that the application be given special expeditious treatment shall accompany the application with an additional fee of \$5.00. The secretary of state shall collect a \$3.00 service fee, in addition to the other fees collected under this subsection, for each title issued and shall deposit the fee in the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b through October 1, 2027. Until October 1, 2027, the \$5.00 expeditious treatment fee must be deposited into the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b.

(2) An applicant for a special identifying number under section 230 shall accompany the application with a fee of \$10.00.

(3) In addition to paying the fees required by subsection (1), until December 31, 2027, each person that applies for a certificate of title, a salvage vehicle certificate of title, or a scrap certificate of title under this act shall pay a tire disposal surcharge of \$1.50 for each certificate of title or duplicate of a certificate of title that person receives. The secretary of state shall deposit money received under this subsection into the scrap tire regulatory fund created in section 16908 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.16908.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1969, Act 93, Imd. Eff. July 24, 1969;—Am. 1978, Act 492, Imd. Eff. Dec. 1, 1978;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1990, Act 148, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 1993, Act 300, Eff. Jan. 1, 1994;—Am. 1995, Act 267, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 456, Imd. Eff. Jan. 10, 2001;—Am. 2001, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2002;—Am. 2002, Act 497, Eff. Oct. 1, 2002;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2005, Act 141, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2005;—Am. 2005, Act 179, Eff. Oct. 20, 2005;—Am. 2006, Act 526, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 2006;—Am. 2007, Act 70, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2007;—Am. 2008, Act 281, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2008;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 70, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2019, Act 88, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2019;—Am. 2023, Act 129, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2023.

257.807 License fees.

Sec. 807. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), an applicant shall include with an application for a license under section 248 one of the following fees:

Full year's license	\$	160.00
Half year's license (after June 30)		80.00
Multiple year license		160.00
		per year.

(2) An applicant shall include with an application for a used or secondhand vehicle parts dealer, an automotive recycler, or foreign salvage vehicle dealer license 1 of the following fees:

Full year's license	\$	160.00
Half year's license (after June 30)		80.00
Multiple year license		160.00
		per year.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1951, Act 270, Eff. Sept. 28, 1951;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1988, Act 255, Eff. Oct. 1, 1989;—Am. 1992, Act 304, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1992;—Am. 1993, Act 300, Eff. Jan. 1, 1994;—Am. 1998, Act 384, Eff. Jan. 1, 1999;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2022, Act 224, Eff. Jan. 23, 2023.

257.808 Liens on motor vehicles; fees.

Sec. 808. Any application for the placement or discharge of a lien on a motor vehicle under section 238 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$1.00. Beginning on February 19, 2019, the fee collected under this section shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1962, Act 143, Eff. Mar. 28, 1963;—Am. 2018, Act 342, Eff. Jan. 14, 2019.

257.809 Application for transfer of registration; fee; payment of difference in fee; deposit into transportation administration collection fund.

Sec. 809. (1) An applicant to transfer the registration from a vehicle subject to section 801 to another vehicle subject to section 801 shall accompany the application with a transfer of registration fee of \$10.00. If the registration plates are transferred to another vehicle, as provided in section 233, and if the registration plate fee for a 12-month registration for the vehicle to which the registration is transferred is greater than the registration plate fee paid upon registration of the vehicle from which the registration was removed, then, if applicable, in addition to the transfer of registration fee of \$10.00, the secretary of state shall collect 1 of the registration difference fees as follows:

(a) If the application for transfer of registration is accompanied by an application for a vehicle title indicating a transfer of vehicle ownership and the application for vehicle title indicates the vehicle ownership transfer is not exempt from use tax collection under section 3(3)(a) or 4bb of the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.93 and 205.94bb, then \$5.00 must be collected.

(b) If the vehicle to which the registration is being transferred has never previously been registered and the application for the last title issued was accompanied by a manufacturer certificate of origin, then \$5.00 must be collected.

(c) If the application for transfer of registration is not accompanied by an application for a vehicle title indicating a transfer of ownership, then the difference for the new registration must be collected.

(2) If the registration plate fee for a 12-month registration for the vehicle to which the registration is transferred is less than the registration plate fee paid upon registration of the vehicle from which the registration was removed, the secretary of state shall collect a transfer of registration fee of \$10.00 and a registration difference fee of \$5.00 and shall not refund the difference.

(3) Until October 1, 2027, a transfer of registration fee collected under this section must be deposited into the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1957, Act 90, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957;—Am. 1962, Act 166, Eff. Mar. 28, 1963;—Am. 1978, Act 62, Imd. Eff. Mar. 14, 1978;—Am. 1979, Act 25, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1979;—Am. 1984, Act 324, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1984;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 2005, Act 141, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2005;—Am. 2007, Act 71, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2007;—Am. 2008, Act 280, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2008;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2019, Act 88, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2019;—Am. 2020, Act 102, Eff. Sept. 29, 2020;—Am. 2023, Act 129, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2023.

257.810 Disposition of fees.

Sec. 810. Except as otherwise provided, all fees received and money collected under sections 801 to 809 shall be deposited in the state treasury and shall be credited to the Michigan transportation fund.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1951, Act 55, Eff. Dec. 1, 1951;—Am. 1987, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

257.810a Assessment; collection; disposition; purpose.

Sec. 810a. The secretary of state shall collect an assessment of 50 cents in connection with the issuance of a salvage vehicle certificate of title, a certificate of title, or beginning July 1, 1994 a scrap certificate of title. The assessment shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as fees collected by the secretary of state pursuant to sections 217c and 806. Each assessment collected shall be deposited in a vehicle theft prevention account to be expended for purposes of developing a vehicle theft prevention program, including the administration, inspection, and enforcement of antitheft procedures, as described in this act.

History: Add. 1988, Act 255, Eff. Oct. 1, 1989;—Am. 1992, Act 304, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1992;—Am. 1993, Act 300, Eff. Jan. 1, 1994.

257.810b Transportation administration collection fund; creation; investment, disposition, and expenditure of money; payments under certain sections of law; report of itemized list

of deposits and expenditures; review of funds to be used to leverage additional federal funds.

Sec. 810b. (1) The transportation administration collection fund is created within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money from the collections authorized under this act for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Michigan transportation fund.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (6), upon appropriation, the department of state shall expend money from the fund that is credited to the fund from revenue collected under sections 801 to 810 only to pay the necessary collection expenses incurred by the department of state in the administration and enforcement of sections 801 to 810.

(5) The department of treasury shall expend money in the fund, upon appropriation, only to defray the costs of collecting motor fuel taxes.

(6) The department of state shall expend money as appropriated from the fund that is credited to the fund on or after October 1, 2005 under each of the following sections of law to pay either the necessary collection of expenses incurred by the department of state in the administration and enforcement of sections 801 to 810 or other necessary expenses:

(a) Sections 208b and 232.

(b) Section 7 of 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.297.

(c) Sections 80130, 80315, 81114, and 82156 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80130, 324.80315, 324.81114, and 324.82156.

(7) The department of state shall, by January 1 of each year, file a report with the secretary of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives providing an itemized list of deposits into and expenditures from the fund for the preceding fiscal year.

(8) The state transportation department shall review all funds received by the state transportation department from funding sources provided for under this act to determine whether those funds can be used to leverage additional federal funds.

History: Add. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2004, Act 52, Eff. May 1, 2004;—Am. 2005, Act 141, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2005;—Am. 2006, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 2006;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009.

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257.811 Fees for operator's license, chauffeur's license, or minor's restricted license; renewal; refund to county or municipality; traffic law enforcement and safety fund; operator's license issued to persons under 18 years of age or licensed in another state; person on active military service at time of expiration; renewal rate; exception for late fees during 2021.

Sec. 811. (1) An application for an original operator's or an original or renewal chauffeur's license as provided in sections 307 and 312 and an application for an original minor's restricted license as provided in section 312 must be accompanied by the following fees:

Operator's license	\$ 25.00
Chauffeur's license	35.00
Minor's restricted license	25.00

The renewal fee for an operator's license renewed under this section is \$18.00. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (4) and (5), if an operator's license is expired at the time of the renewal, the fee is the same as the original fee. The date of an application for a renewal of an operator's license under this section that is delivered to the secretary of state by regular mail is the postmark date in determining the fee to be assessed.

(2) The secretary of state shall deposit the money received and collected under subsection (1) in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund. The secretary of state shall refund out of the fees collected to each county or municipality acting as an examining officer or examining bureau \$2.50 for each applicant examined for an original license, \$1.00 for each applicant examined for an original chauffeur's license, and \$1.00 for every other applicant examined, if the application is not denied and the money refunded is paid to the county or local treasurer and is appropriated to the county, municipality, or officer or bureau receiving the money for the purpose of carrying out this act. The state treasurer shall deposit the sum of \$4.00 in the traffic law enforcement and safety fund created in section 819a for each person examined for an original license, a renewal operator's license, an original chauffeur's license, or a renewal chauffeur's license, except that the sum

deposited for each 2-year operator's or 2-year chauffeur's license is \$2.00.

(3) Notwithstanding sections 306 and 308, an operator's license must not be issued to an individual under 18 years of age unless that person successfully passes a driver education course and examination given by a driver education provider that has been certified to provide teen driver training under the driver education provider and instructor act, 2006 PA 384, MCL 256.621 to 256.705. An individual who has been a holder of a motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state, territory, or possession of the United States, or any other sovereignty for 1 year immediately before application for an operator's license under this act is not required to comply with this subsection. Restricted licenses may be issued under section 312 without compliance with this subsection.

(4) A person who is on active military service at the time his or her operator's license expires shall be charged the renewal rate for renewing his or her operator's license under this section if all of the following apply:

(a) He or she applies for renewal within 30 days of returning to this state from active duty.

(b) He or she held a valid, unexpired operator's license from this state immediately prior to leaving this state for active military service.

(c) He or she presents such documentation as the secretary of state requires to establish eligibility under this subsection.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, both of the following apply:

(a) The secretary of state shall not assess a late renewal fee for a document described under section 301(6), 306(1), (2), (4), or (6), 306a(4), 309(11), 312k(1), or 314(7) that expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 and is renewed within 120 days of the date of the expiration.

(b) The secretary of state shall, upon an applicant's request, reimburse a late renewal fee assessed and collected for a document described under section 301(6), 306(1), (2), (4), or (6), 306a(4), 309(11), 312k(1), or 314(7) that expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 and is renewed within 120 days of the date of the expiration.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1953, Act 215, Eff. Oct. 2, 1953;—Am. 1955, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 1, Imd. Eff. Nov. 10, 1955;—Am. 1957, Act 235, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1957;—Am. 1958, Act 217, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958;—Am. 1959, Act 260, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960;—Am. 1966, Act 327, Eff. Jan. 1, 1967;—Am. 1967, Act 302, Eff. Sept. 1, 1967;—Am. 1970, Act 124, Imd. Eff. July 23, 1970;—Am. 1972, Act 244, Imd. Eff. Aug. 3, 1972;—Am. 1975, Act 122, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1975;—Am. 1980, Act 174, Imd. Eff. June 23, 1980;—Am. 1980, Act 308, Imd. Eff. Dec. 4, 1980;—Am. 1987, Act 232, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1989, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Jan. 3, 1990;—Am. 1991, Act 193, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1991;—Am. 1992, Act 235, Imd. Eff. Oct. 22, 1992;—Am. 1996, Act 387, Eff. Apr. 1, 1997;—Am. 2000, Act 456, Imd. Eff. Jan. 10, 2001;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2004, Act 71, Imd. Eff. Apr. 20, 2004;—Am. 2006, Act 589, Imd. Eff. Jan. 3, 2007;—Am. 2021, Act 71, Imd. Eff. July 29, 2021.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 71 of 2021 provides:

"Enacting section 1. Sections 216(2), 217(11) and (12), 226(11) and (13), 255(4), 301(6), 306(1), (2), (4), and (6), 306a(4), 309(11), 312k(1), 314(7), 801k(1) and (2), and 811(5) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.216, 257.217, 257.226, 257.255, 257.301, 257.306, 257.306a, 257.309, 257.312k, 257.314, 257.801k, and 257.811, as amended by this amendatory act, are intended to be retroactive and apply retroactively."

Administrative rules: R 388.301 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

257.811a Motorcycle safety course; conducting; amount and use of fees; duties of secretary of state; rules; designation, qualifications, and funding of state coordinator of motorcycle safety education program; annual inspections; fulfillment of waiver requirement; audit.

Sec. 811a. (1) A motorcycle safety course required under section 312b conducted by a college or university, an intermediate school district, a local school district, a law enforcement agency, or any other governmental agency located in this state shall be conducted under this section.

(2) Except for motorcycle safety courses conducted under section 811b, an applicant for a motorcycle safety course shall pay not more than a \$50.00 course fee. The course fees shall be used only for funding the administration and implementation of the motorcycle safety education program.

(3) The secretary of state is responsible for the establishment and administration of motorcycle safety courses and shall promulgate rules under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, regarding teacher qualifications, reimbursement procedures, the establishment of the courses, and other requirements under this section.

(4) The secretary of state shall designate a person to be the state coordinator of the motorcycle safety education program. The person designated under this subsection shall successfully complete a motorcycle safety rider coach course before being designated.

(5) The position of state coordinator of the motorcycle safety education program shall be funded by the motorcycle safety fund.

(6) The secretary of state shall designate a person who has successfully completed a motorcycle safety

rider coach course to perform annual inspections of motorcycle course sites.

(7) An 8-hour motorcycle safety course that meets the standards established by the secretary of state may be offered to an applicant who has passed a motorcycle operator skill test that has been approved by the secretary of state. Successful completion of a motorcycle safety course under this subsection shall fulfill the waiver requirement of section 312b.

(8) An audit of the motorcycle safety fund shall be conducted by the office of the auditor general to determine compliance with the requirements of this act with regard to the collection and expenditure of fees authorized under this section. A copy of this audit shall be transmitted to the legislature upon completion.

History: Add. 1982, Act 187, Eff. Jan. 1, 1984;—Am. 1987, Act 85, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1987;—Am. 1992, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 20, 1992;—Am. 2003, Act 103, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2016, Act 22, Eff. May 23, 2016.

Compiler's note: Effective dates of MCL 257.312b(2) and of 257.811a(3): Section 2 of Act 187 of 1982 provides:

“(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), this amendatory act shall take effect January 1, 1984.

“(2) Sections 312b(2) and 811a(3) shall take effect July 1, 1982.”

Administrative rules: R 257.1701 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

257.811b Motorcycle safety course conducted by private business enterprise; rules; fulfillment of waiver requirement.

Sec. 811b. (1) A motorcycle safety course required in section 312b may be conducted by a private business enterprise.

(2) The secretary of state shall promulgate rules pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to provide standards for the establishment and regulation of motorcycle safety courses conducted under this section.

(3) An 8-hour motorcycle safety course that meets the standards established by the secretary of state may be offered to an applicant who has passed a motorcycle operator skill test which has been approved by the secretary of state. Successful completion of a motorcycle safety course under this subsection shall fulfill the waiver requirement of section 312b.

History: Add. 1987, Act 85, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1987;—Am. 2003, Act 103, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

257.811c Repealed. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to registration plate with olympic education-training center decal.

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).

History: Add. 2000, Act 77, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000;—Am. 2005, Act 317, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 2005;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

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".

History: Add. 2000, Act 77, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000;—Am. 2001, Act 124, Imd. Eff. Oct. 12, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 66, Eff. Jan. 1, 2012;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2016, Act 327, Eff. Feb. 28, 2017;—Am. 2018, Act 326, Eff. Sept. 30, 2018.

257.811f Fund-raising plate; issuance; application; donation, tax, and fee; renewal; personalized fund-raising plate; disabled person's plate; expiration; temporary registration permit.

Sec. 811f. (1) The secretary of state may, upon application, issue 1 fund-raising plate instead of a standard registration plate to a person for use on a passenger motor vehicle, motor home, pickup truck, or van.

(2) A person may be issued a fund-raising plate for use on a vehicle under this act by applying to the secretary of state under section 217. The applicant must accompany an application for an original fund-raising plate by a \$25.00 fund-raising donation, payment of the regular vehicle registration tax prescribed under this act, and a \$10.00 service fee. The applicant must accompany an application for renewal of a fund-raising plate by payment of the vehicle registration tax required under section 801 and a \$10.00 fund-raising donation. The

applicant must accompany an application for a replacement fund-raising plate with payment of only the fee prescribed under section 804.

(3) The secretary of state may issue a personalized fund-raising plate upon application and the payment of the personalized registration plate fee prescribed under section 803b in addition to the fees and donations prescribed under subsection (2) and the regular vehicle registration tax prescribed under this act.

(4) A disabled person who applies for a fund-raising plate under this section and who pays the required service fees shall be issued, as determined by the secretary of state, a disabled person's plate as provided in section 803d for his or her fund-raising plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675.

(5) A fund-raising plate expires as provided in section 226. The secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration for an original or renewal fund-raising plate.

(6) The secretary of state may issue a temporary registration permit to a person who submits an application and the proper fees and donation for a fund-raising plate, if the applicant's current vehicle registration will expire before his or her receipt of a fund-raising plate. The temporary registration expires upon the applicant's receipt of a fund-raising plate or upon the expiration of 60 days after the date of issuance, whichever occurs first. The secretary of state shall issue the temporary permit without a separate fee.

History: Add. 2000, Act 77, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007;—Am. 2017, Act 234, Eff. Feb. 19, 2019.

257.811g Collector plate; display; purchase; ceasing sale.

Sec. 811g. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the secretary of state may develop, market, promote, and sell a collector plate. However, the secretary of state shall only develop, market, and promote a collector plate with funds available from the collection of service fees under this chapter.

(2) A collector plate shall not be attached to a motor vehicle in a manner prescribed in section 225. A collector plate may be used on a vehicle in any lawful manner, including, but not limited to, being displayed on the front bumper of a vehicle.

(3) A person may purchase 1 or more collector plates by making payment to the secretary of state of the \$10.00 service fee and a \$25.00 fund-raising donation.

(4) The secretary of state may, as determined necessary by the secretary of state, cease to sell a collector plate.

History: Add. 2000, Act 77, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811h Disposition of service fee collections; separate accounts; disbursement; ceasing issuance of fund-raising plate; ownership of right, title, and interest; royalty fee; report

Sec. 811h. (1) The secretary of state shall credit each service fee collected under sections 811f and 811g to the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b.

(2) The secretary of state shall identify and segregate the fund-raising donations collected under sections 811f and 811g into separate accounts. The secretary of state shall create a separate account for each fund-raising plate and its matching collector plate issued or sold by the secretary of state.

(3) As determined necessary by the secretary of state but not more than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter, the secretary of state shall not less than once each calendar quarter authorize the disbursement of fund-raising donations segregated under subsection (2) and, independent from any disbursement under subsection (2), report the number of each type of fund-raising and collector plates issued, sold, or renewed to the following, as appropriate:

(a) The treasurer of a Michigan university.

(b) The person or entity identified in a public act described in section 811e to administer a state-sponsored fund-raising registration plate fund.

(c) The sponsor of a fund-raising plate issued as prescribed under section 811e that was developed and issued after January 1, 2007.

(4) A fund-raising plate shall meet or exceed the following sales goals:

(a) In the first year, 2,000 plates.

(b) In the second and each subsequent year for 5 years, 500 original plates.

(c) For each subsequent consecutive 2-year period after the 5-year period described in subdivision (b), 500 original plates.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the secretary of state shall cease to issue a fund-raising plate or to issue a duplicate replacement of a fund-raising plate for use on a vehicle if that fund-raising plate fails to meet a sales goal described in subsection (4). The secretary of state shall not cease to issue a fund-raising plate that was available for sale on February 1, 2017 and that failed to meet a sales goal described in subsection (4) if the failure occurred before February 1, 2017. The secretary of state shall also

cease to sell a collector plate that matches the discontinued fund-raising plate. However, the secretary of state may continue to renew fund-raising plates already issued and collect the renewal fund-raising donation for those plates.

(6) The state of Michigan, through the secretary of state, shall own all right, title, and interest in all fund-raising plates and collector plates, including the right to use, reproduce, or distribute a fund-raising or collector plate or the image of a fund-raising or collector plate in any form. The secretary of state may authorize the commercial or other use of a fund-raising or collector plate design, logo, or image if written consent is obtained from the pertinent Michigan university or other person that sponsored a fund-raising plate. However, the secretary of state shall not authorize the commercial or other use of a fund-raising or collector plate under this section unless the user first agrees in writing to the terms and conditions that the secretary of state considers necessary. Those terms and conditions may include the payment of royalty fees to 1 or more of the following:

- (a) This state.
- (b) A Michigan university.
- (c) Another person that sponsored a fund-raising plate.

(7) The secretary of state shall credit a royalty fee paid to this state under a written agreement described in subsection (6) to the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b.

(8) Beginning not later than February 1, 2007, and annually after that, an organization receiving fund-raising donations disbursed under this section shall report to the state treasurer. A report under this subsection shall include a summary of expenditures during the preceding year of the money received under this section.

History: Add. 2000, Act 77, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007;—Am. 2009, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 78, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015;—Am. 2016, Act 327, Eff. Feb. 28, 2017;—Am. 2018, Act 326, Eff. Sept. 30, 2018.

257.811i Plates recognizing water quality; collection of donations; creation of water quality protection fund; definitions.

Sec. 811i.

(1) Fund-raising plate donations collected for plates recognizing the water quality of this state under section 811f and collector plate fund-raising donations collected under section 811g shall be disbursed under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the water quality protection fund created under subsection (3).

(2) The department of environmental quality shall establish and administer a "water quality protection fund grant program" and shall set policy and oversee this program. The program shall provide grants to local units of government for the purpose of protecting the water quality of the Michigan Great Lakes and inland lakes, rivers, and streams. The department of environmental quality may promulgate rules to implement this grant program under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(3) The water quality protection fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund. Money from the fund shall be expended, upon appropriation, only for the purpose of protecting the water quality of the Michigan Great Lakes and inland lakes, rivers, and streams.

(4) For purposes of this chapter, "local unit of government" means any of the following:

- (a) A county, city, village, or township.
- (b) An agency of a county, city, village, or township.
- (c) The office of a county drain commissioner.

(d) A soil conservation district established under part 93 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.9301 to 324.9313.

(e) A watershed council established under part 311 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.31101 to 324.31119.

(f) A local health department as that term is defined in section 1105 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1105.

(g) A community college or junior college established pursuant to section 7 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.

(h) A 4-year institution of higher education, public or private, located in this state.

(i) An authority or other public body created by or pursuant to state law.

History: Add. 2000, Act 74, Eff. Mar. 28, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811j Children's trust fund-raising plate or collector plate; collection of donations.

Sec. 811j. (1) A fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing children's trust shall be of a design as determined by the secretary of state after consultation with the state child abuse and neglect prevention board created in section 3 of the child abuse and neglect prevention act, 1982 PA 250, MCL 722.603.

(2) Fund-raising donations for plates recognizing children's trust collected under sections 811f and 811g shall be transferred under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the children's trust fund created under section 1 of 1982 PA 249, MCL 21.171, for the support and benefit of the children of this state.

History: Add. 2000, Act 71, Eff. Mar. 28, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811k Michigan lighthouse preservation grant fund; creation and expenditure of fund; annual accounting; grant awards; transfer and disposition of collected donations; "state historic preservation office" defined.

Sec. 811k. (1) The Michigan lighthouse preservation grant fund is created as a separate fund in the department of treasury. The fund shall be expended only as provided in this section. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. The state treasurer shall annually present to the state historic preservation office an accounting of the amount of money in the fund. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(2) The state historic preservation office shall administer the Michigan lighthouse preservation fund and may expend money from that fund through discretionary historical grants to preserve Michigan lighthouses. The state historic preservation office shall use not more than 10% of the funds for costs that occur from fund administration and grant project coordination.

(3) The state historic preservation office may award grants under subsection (2) for the preparation of plans and specifications for restoration and stabilization and for stabilization, rehabilitation, or other preservation work on a Michigan lighthouse, but grants shall not be awarded for operational purposes. The state historic preservation office shall allocate grant funds pursuant to eligibility and scoring requirements established by the state historic preservation office. To award grants under this section, the state historic preservation office shall solicit applications from eligible recipients, score applications based on the established criteria, and award grants through executed contracts. All plans and work performed under a grant shall be consistent with the United States secretary of the interior's standards for rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings, 36 CFR part 67, historic preservation certifications.

(4) Fund-raising donations for plates recognizing the historical lighthouses of this state under sections 811f and 811g shall be transferred under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the Michigan lighthouse preservation grant fund for the preservation of historic Michigan lighthouses.

(5) As used in this section, "state historic preservation office" means the state historic preservation office of the Michigan state housing development authority.

History: Add. 2000, Act 73, Eff. Mar. 28, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 298, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2006;—Am. 2012, Act 55, Eff. June 30, 2012.

Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of department of history, arts, and libraries or the Michigan historical center relating to the identification, certification, and preservation of historical sites to the Michigan state housing development authority, see E.R.O. No. 2009-26, compiled at MCL 399.752.

For transfer of powers and duties of the state historic preservation office relating to the identification, certification, and preservation of historical sites from the Michigan state housing development authority to the Michigan strategic fund, see E.R.O. No. 2019-3, compiled at MCL 125.1998.

257.811l Critical nongame wildlife habitat fund-raising plate and collector plate; collection of donations; transfer and disposition.

Sec. 811l. (1) A fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing the critical nongame wildlife habitats of this state shall be of a design as determined by the secretary of state after consulting with the director of the department of natural resources.

(2) Fund-raising donations for plates described in subsection (1) collected under sections 811f and 811g shall be transferred under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the nongame fish and wildlife trust fund created under section 43902 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43902.

History: Add. 2000, Act 70, Eff. Mar. 28, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811m Plates recognizing Michigan veterans memorial; donations.

Sec. 811m. Fund-raising donations for plates recognizing the Michigan veterans memorial collected under sections 811f and 811g shall be transferred under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the Vietnam veterans memorial monument fund created in section 3 of the Michigan Vietnam veterans memorial act, 1988 PA 234, MCL 35.1053. These donations shall be used exclusively for the purposes described in sections 5 and 7 of the Michigan Vietnam veterans memorial act, 1988 PA 234, MCL 35.1055 and 35.1057.

History: Add. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811n Agricultural heritage; fund-raising donations; collection; transfer and disbursement.

Sec. 811n. Fund-raising donations for plates recognizing the agricultural heritage of this state collected under sections 811f and 811g shall be transferred under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall disburse the donation money to Michigan state university development, designated for the FFA vision2000 endowment fund, for the purpose of providing grants for agri-science, natural resources, and environmental K-12 educational programs.

History: Add. 2000, Act 79, Eff. Mar. 28, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811o American pride; design; transfer and disbursement; proud to be American fund; report.

Sec. 811o. (1) A fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing American pride shall be of a design as determined by the secretary of state and contain the words "proud to be American" and "Michigan". Fund-raising donations for plates recognizing American pride collected under sections 811f and 811g shall be transferred under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall disburse the donation money to the proud to be American fund established under this section.

(2) The proud to be American fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund on a monthly basis as follows:

(a) Fifty percent to the American National Red Cross established under 36 USC 300101 as represented by the Michigan state service council.

(b) Fifty percent to the Salvation Army.

(5) The American National Red Cross and the Salvation Army shall expend the money received under this section for disaster preparedness and disaster relief in the United States of America.

(6) The American National Red Cross and the Salvation Army shall annually report to the department of treasury an accounting of money received and used under this section.

History: Add. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811p Olympic education-training center; design; logo; transfer and disbursement.

Sec. 811p. (1) A fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing the Olympic education-training center in this state shall bear an appropriate logo, the design of which the Olympic education-training center shall submit to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall confer with the department of state police to ensure that the design will not compromise the ability of law enforcement agencies to accurately identify specific vehicles.

(2) Registration plates bearing an Olympic education-training center logo shall not be a duplication of another registration plate. The Olympic education-training center shall comply with section 803m(2), (3)(c) and (d), and (4)(c) and (d).

(3) Fund-raising donations for plates recognizing the Olympic education-training center collected under section 811f or 811g shall be transferred by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall credit the funds to the Olympic education-training center fund. The money in the Olympic education-training center fund shall, upon appropriation, be distributed to the Olympic education-training center.

History: Add. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811q Support for our troops; design; transfer and disbursement; support our troops fund; report.

Sec. 811q. (1) A fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing support for our troops shall be of a design as determined by the secretary of state and contain the emblem or logo of Support Our Troops, Inc. of Michigan, displaying a soldier and a child and the words "support our troops" and "Michigan". Fund-raising donations for plates recognizing support for our troops collected under sections 811f and 811g shall be transferred under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall disburse the donation money to the support our troops fund established under this section.

(2) The support our troops fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund on a monthly basis to Support Our Troops, Inc. of Michigan, which shall expend the money received under this section for troops and their families in accordance with its articles of incorporation.

(5) Support Our Troops, Inc. of Michigan shall annually report to the department of treasury an accounting of money received and used under this section.

(6) An application for a support our troops fund-raising or collector plate by a motor vehicle owner or lessee constitutes prior written consent and instruction by that owner or lessee to the secretary of state to provide the owner's or lessee's name and address to Support Our Troops, Inc. of Michigan.

History: Add. 2006, Act 562, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

257.811r Fund-raising plate; boy scouts of America; fund.

Sec. 811r. (1) The secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate recognizing the boy scouts of America. The secretary of state in conjunction with the boy scouts of America shall design the fund-raising plates authorized in this section.

(2) The boy scouts of America fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(3) The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing the boy scouts of America to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the boy scouts of America fund established under subsection (2).

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund established under subsection (2) on a quarterly basis to the boy scouts of America.

History: Add. 2011, Act 66, Eff. Jan. 1, 2012.

257.811s Thomas Daley gift of life fund; creation; deposit of money or other assets; money remaining at close of fiscal year; transfer; administration for auditing purposes; expenditures; "fund" defined.

Sec. 811s. (1) The Thomas Daley gift of life fund is created within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) Money in the organ and tissue donation education fund created in former section 217o shall be transferred to the fund.

(5) The department of state shall be the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes.

(6) The department of state shall expend money from the fund, upon appropriation, for the administration and maintenance of the state anatomical gift donor registry program under part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10123. Any money remaining in the fund may be expended for the ongoing development and administration of the department of state's public information campaign concerning the Michigan organ donation program.

(7) As used in this section, "fund" means the Thomas Daley gift of life fund created in subsection (1).

History: Add. 2012, Act 55, Eff. June 30, 2012.

257.811t Fund-raising plate recognizing anatomical gift donation.

Sec. 811t. (1) The secretary of state may issue a fund-raising plate recognizing anatomical gift donation. A

fund-raising plate recognizing anatomical gift donation shall be of a design as determined by the secretary of state. Fund-raising donations for plates recognizing anatomical gift donation collected under section 811f shall be transferred under section 811h by the secretary of state to the state treasurer, who shall disburse the donation money to the Thomas Daley gift of life fund established in section 811s.

(2) The fund-raising plate issued under subsection (1) may be referred to as the "John J. Gleason gift of life plate".

History: Add. 2012, Act 54, Eff. June 30, 2012.

257.811v Fund-raising plate and matching collector plate; ducks unlimited.

Sec. 811v. No later than June 1, 2014, the secretary of state shall develop and may issue a fund-raising plate and a matching collector plate recognizing ducks unlimited. The words "ducks unlimited" shall be inscribed on the plates. The secretary of state shall transfer the fund-raising donations received from the sale of the plates described in this section to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the ducks unlimited fund created under section 811w.

History: Add. 2013, Act 6, Imd. Eff. Mar. 20, 2013.

257.811w Ducks unlimited fund; creation; investment; disbursement.

Sec. 811w. No later than June 1, 2014, the state treasurer shall create the ducks unlimited fund within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund. The department of treasury shall be the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes. The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan chapter of ducks unlimited, incorporated. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the money disbursed to the Michigan chapter of ducks unlimited, incorporated shall only be expended to protect, enhance, restore, manage, and acquire wetlands and associated uplands in this state. A portion of the money disbursed to the Michigan chapter of ducks unlimited, incorporated may be used to fund education and outreach regarding wetlands conservation and to cover reasonable costs for advertising and administration. Money disbursed to the Michigan chapter of ducks unlimited, incorporated, under this section may only be expended in this state.

History: Add. 2013, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Mar. 20, 2013.

257.811x Fund-raising plate recognizing Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program.

Sec. 811x. No later than June 1, 2014, the secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate recognizing the Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program. The secretary of state in conjunction with the Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program shall design the fund-raising plates authorized in this section. The secretary of state shall transfer the fund-raising donations received from the sale of the plates described in this section to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money as provided in section 811y. As used in this section, "Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program" means the breast and cervical cancer control program as defined in section 2 of the Amanda's fund for breast cancer prevention and treatment act, 2007 PA 134, MCL 333.26232.

History: Add. 2013, Act 208, Eff. Mar. 14, 2014.

257.811y Amanda's fund for breast cancer prevention and treatment; transfer of donation money from sale of fund-raising plates; summary of expenditures; "Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program" defined.

Sec. 811y. (1) The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing the Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program created under section 811x to the state treasurer, who shall deposit the money on a quarterly basis to Amanda's fund for breast cancer prevention and treatment as provided in the Amanda's fund for breast cancer prevention and treatment act, 2007 PA 134, MCL 333.26231 to 333.26237.

(2) Beginning not later than February 1, 2014, the Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program shall submit to the state treasurer a summary of the expenditures during the preceding year of the money received under this section.

(3) As used in this section, "Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program" means the breast and cervical cancer control program as defined in section 2 of the Amanda's fund for breast cancer prevention and treatment act, 2007 PA 134, MCL 333.26232.

History: Add. 2013, Act 207, Eff. Mar. 14, 2014.

257.811z Fund-raising plate recognizing be the match; be the match fund; creation; transfer of donation money; disbursement; state treasurer as administrator; expenditure.

Sec. 811z. (1) No later than September 1, 2015, the secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate recognizing be the match. The secretary of state shall design the fund-raising plates authorized in this section.

(2) The be the match fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(3) The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing be the match to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the be the match fund created under subsection (2).

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the be the match fund created under subsection (2) on a quarterly basis to be the match.

(5) The state treasurer shall be the administrator of the be the match fund created under subsection (2) for auditing purposes.

(6) Money from the be the match fund shall be expended on research, technology, patient support, and education regarding bone marrow donation and transplantation and the testing of new be the match registrants.

History: Add. 2014, Act 390, Eff. Mar. 31, 2015.

257.811aa Repealed. 2024, Act 81, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to the creation of the sickle cell anemia awareness fund and fund-raising plate.

257.811bb Plates recognizing Michigan veterans; donations; Michigan veterans engagement fund; creation; administrator; money remaining in fund at close of fiscal year; disbursement to Michigan veterans affairs agency; expenditures.

Sec. 811bb. (1) No later than September 1, 2015, the secretary of state shall develop and may issue a fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing Michigan veterans. A fund-raising plate or collector plate developed under this section shall be of a design as determined by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall transfer fund-raising donations for plates recognizing Michigan veterans collected under sections 811f and 811g to the state treasurer, who shall disburse the donation money to the Michigan veterans engagement fund established under this section.

(2) The Michigan veterans engagement fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. The Michigan veterans affairs agency shall be the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes.

(3) Money in the Michigan veterans engagement fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the Michigan veterans engagement fund on a monthly basis to the Michigan veterans affairs agency, which shall expend the money for outreach activities, including, but not limited to, education on the mental effects of war, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other service-related disabilities, with county veteran service offices, organizations providing local veteran services, or other veteran service providers. However, the Michigan veterans affairs agency shall dedicate at least 25% of the money disbursed under this subsection for tuition support for members of the Michigan national guard or the children of veterans tuition grant program created under the children of veterans tuition grant act, 2005 PA 248, MCL 390.1341 to 390.1346, at the discretion of the adjutant general of the Michigan national guard. The Michigan veterans affairs agency may spend up to 15% of the money received each month under this subsection on administrative expenses.

History: Add. 2014, Act 490, Eff. Mar. 31, 2015.

257.811cc Fund-raising plate recognizing Detroit Red Wings.

Sec. 811cc. (1) No later than August 1, 2019, the secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing the Detroit Red Wings. The fund-raising plate or collector plate authorized in this section shall bear an appropriate logo, the design of which the Detroit Red Wings shall submit to the secretary of state.

(2) The Detroit Red Wings fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(3) The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing the Detroit Red Wings to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the Detroit Red Wings fund established under subsection (2).

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund established under subsection (2) on a quarterly basis to the Detroit Red Wings Foundation.

(5) The state treasurer shall be the administrator of the fund created in subsection (2) for auditing purposes.

(6) Money disbursed to the Detroit Red Wings Foundation under this section shall be distributed to eligible nonprofit organizations that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501.

History: Add. 2018, Act 326, Eff. Sept. 30, 2018.

257.811dd Fund-raising plate recognizing Detroit Tigers.

Sec. 811dd. (1) No later than August 1, 2019, the secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing the Detroit Tigers. The fund-raising plate or collector plate authorized in this section shall bear an appropriate logo, the design of which the Detroit Tigers shall submit to the secretary of state.

(2) The Detroit Tigers fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(3) The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing the Detroit Tigers to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the Detroit Tigers fund established under subsection (2).

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund established under subsection (2) on a quarterly basis to the Detroit Tigers Foundation.

(5) The state treasurer shall be the administrator of the fund created in subsection (2) for auditing purposes.

(6) Money disbursed to the Detroit Tigers Foundation under this section shall be distributed to eligible nonprofit organizations that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501.

History: Add. 2018, Act 326, Eff. Sept. 30, 2018.

257.811ee Fund-raising plate recognizing Detroit Lions.

Sec. 811ee. (1) No later than August 1, 2019, the secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing the Detroit Lions. The fund-raising plate or collector plate authorized in this section shall bear an appropriate logo, the design of which the Detroit Lions shall submit to the secretary of state.

(2) The Detroit Lions fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(3) The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing the Detroit Lions to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the Detroit Lions fund established under subsection (2).

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund established under subsection (2) on a quarterly basis to the Detroit Lions Charities.

(5) The state treasurer shall be the administrator of the fund created in subsection (2) for auditing purposes.

(6) Money disbursed to the Detroit Lions Charities under this section shall be distributed to eligible nonprofit organizations that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501.

History: Add. 2018, Act 326, Eff. Sept. 30, 2018.

257.811ff Fund-raising plate recognizing Detroit Pistons.

Sec. 811ff. (1) No later than August 1, 2019, the secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing the Detroit Pistons in this state.

The fund-raising plate or collector plate authorized in this section shall bear an appropriate logo, the design of which the Detroit Pistons shall submit to the secretary of state.

(2) The Detroit Pistons fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(3) The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing the Detroit Pistons to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the Detroit Pistons fund established under subsection (2).

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund established under subsection (2) on a quarterly basis to the Come Together Foundation.

(5) The state treasurer shall be the administrator of the fund created in subsection (2) for auditing purposes.

(6) Money disbursed to the Come Together Foundation under this section shall be distributed to eligible nonprofit organizations that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501.

History: Add. 2018, Act 326, Eff. Sept. 30, 2018.

257.811hh Fund-raising plate; recognizing sickle cell anemia education and treatment; sickle cell anemia awareness fund.

Sec. 811hh. (1) The secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate recognizing sickle cell anemia education and treatment. The secretary of state, in conjunction with the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Michigan Chapter, shall design the fund-raising plate authorized in this section.

(2) The sickle cell anemia awareness fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year must remain in the fund and must not lapse to the general fund. The state treasurer shall be the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes.

(3) The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing sickle cell anemia education and treatment to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the fund established under subsection (2).

(4) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund established under subsection (2) on a quarterly basis to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Michigan Chapter.

History: Add. 2024, Act 81, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

257.811ii Michigan 4-H fund-raising plate.

Sec. 811ii. The secretary of state shall develop under section 811e and issue under section 811f a fund-raising plate recognizing the Michigan 4-H. The secretary of state in conjunction with the Michigan 4-H shall design the fund-raising plates authorized in this section. The secretary of state shall transfer the donation money from the sale of the Michigan 4-H fund-raising plates to the state treasurer, who shall credit the donation money to the Michigan 4-H Foundation fund established in section 811jj.

History: Add. 2024, Act 90, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

257.811jj Michigan 4-H Foundation fund.

Sec. 811jj. (1) The Michigan 4-H Foundation fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year must remain in the fund and must not lapse to the general fund. The state treasurer is the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes.

(2) The state treasurer shall disburse money in the fund established under subsection (1) on a quarterly basis to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

History: Add. 2024, Act 89, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

257.812 Fee for duplicate or corrected license; renewal.

Sec. 812. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), for each duplicate license as provided in section 313, and for each correction of a license, a person may apply for renewal of the license and pay the renewal fee prescribed in this act or the person may, at his or her option and upon payment of the fee prescribed in this section, apply for a duplicate license which expires on the same date as the license which

was lost, destroyed, mutilated, or became illegible. The secretary of state may check the applicant's driving record through the national driver register and the commercial driver license information system before issuing a license under this section. The fee for a duplicate chauffeur's license is \$18.00. The fee for a duplicate operator's license is \$9.00. A renewal fee shall not be charged for a change of address, a correction required to correct a department error, or, beginning January 1, 2007, to add or remove a heart insignia described in section 310.

(2) Except with regard to a person who is less than 21 years of age or a person with a license containing a hazardous material indorsement, for each duplicate license as provided in section 313, and for each correction of a license, a person shall apply for renewal of the license and pay the renewal fee prescribed in this act if the license was due to expire within the next 12 months. Except as otherwise provided in this act, a license renewed under this subsection shall be renewed for the combined period of the time remaining on the license before its renewal and the 4-year renewal period.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1975, Act 122, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1975;—Am. 1987, Act 232, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1989, Act 280, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1989;—Am. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2004, Act 362, Imd. Eff. Oct. 4, 2004;—Am. 2005, Act 142, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2005.

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257.813 Certified copies of records.

Sec. 813. For each page of a certified copy of a record as provided in section 207, paragraph (b) of chapter 2 of this act, \$1.00. All money collected under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949.

257.814 Use tax; collection; disposition; collection upon registration of nonresident vehicle in this state.

Sec. 814. (a) If it appears to the secretary of state that a motor vehicle was purchased by an applicant in a state other than this state, unless the applicant produces a certificate of title issued to the applicant under the laws of that state, or a certificate of registration or registered bill of sale issued under the laws of another state showing the applicant for a Michigan certificate of title to have resided in the state that issued the certificate of title, certificate of registration, or registered bill of sale, the secretary of state shall conduct an investigation of the purchase and sale and of the title to the motor vehicle. If the secretary of state is satisfied that the applicant is the owner of the motor vehicle, or is otherwise entitled to register the motor vehicle in the applicant's name, the secretary of state shall issue to the applicant an appropriate certificate of title under section 217. Before the secretary of state issues the certificate of title, the applicant shall attach to the application a statement showing the amount of use tax due upon the motor vehicle described in the application on a form prescribed by the state treasurer, together with the amount of the use tax due upon the motor vehicle, under the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.91 to 205.111. However, if the motor vehicle is exempt by law from the payment of use tax, no use tax shall be paid.

(b) The secretary of state shall transmit the statement and the funds collected under subdivision (a) covering the payment of the use tax to the state treasurer. The secretary of state shall not issue a certificate of title for a motor vehicle until the requirements of this section are satisfied. An owner of a motor vehicle purchased outside of this state who paid the use tax to the secretary of state under this section is not required to comply with sections 6, 7, and 8 of the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.96, 205.97, and 205.98.

(c) An owner of a motor vehicle purchased from a Michigan dealer in this state without application of sales tax due to an exemption under section 4a of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.54a, who later by reason of storage or use is required to register the vehicle in this state shall pay a use tax at the time of registration, computed on the retail dollar value of a like vehicle, except when the motor vehicle is exempt from the use tax. The secretary of state shall use as his or her guide the retail dollar value from the current issue of any nationally recognized used vehicle guide for financial institution appraisal purposes in this state.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1962, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 24, 1962;—Am. 2008, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Feb. 15, 2008.

257.815 Application for registration or for transfer of license; statement of sales tax due; form; copies; exemption; certification; transmitting statement and sales tax funds to department of treasury; issuing or transferring title or license plates on motor vehicle sold by dealer; conditions; compensation for collection of sales tax.

Sec. 815. (1) Each application for registration, or for a transfer of the license, of a motor vehicle, shall be accompanied by a statement showing the amount of the sales tax due upon the sale of the motor vehicle, on a

form prescribed by the department of treasury, together with the amount of the sales tax due upon the sale under Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended, being sections 205.51 to 205.78 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the statement shall be in triplicate, 1 copy to be retained by the dealer and 1 copy to be delivered to the purchaser, except if the sale of a motor vehicle is exempt by law from the payment of the sales tax, a tax shall not be paid. However, if the sale of a motor vehicle is exempt by law from the payment of the sales tax, a certification, on a form as the secretary of state shall prescribe, shall accompany the application for registration, signed and certified by the purchaser stating that the motor vehicle is exempt by law from the payment of the sales tax by virtue of the fact that the sale was an isolated transaction, pursuant to Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended.

(2) The secretary of state shall transmit the statement and the funds covering the payment of the sales tax to the department of treasury. The secretary of state shall not issue a title, license plates or transfer a title or license plates on a motor vehicle sold by a dealer until the requirements of this section regarding the payment of the sales tax have been complied with. A dealer of new or secondhand vehicles selling motor vehicles at retail paying the sales tax to the secretary of state pursuant to this section shall not be required to include the sale of the motor vehicles on the dealer's reports to the department of treasury nor pay the tax on the sale as required by Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended.

(3) The department of treasury shall determine and pay to the secretary of state reasonable compensation for the collection of the sales tax pursuant to this section.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1980, Act 398, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981.

257.816 Acceptance of credit cards for payment of tax or fee.

Sec. 816. The secretary of state may accept a credit card, in lieu of cash or check, as payment of a tax or fee required under this act. The secretary of state shall determine which major credit cards may be accepted for payment.

History: Add. 1986, Act 129, Imd. Eff. June 16, 1986.

257.817 Liability.

Sec. 817. A manufacturer of automated technology is immune from civil liability for damages that arise out of any modification made by another person to a motor vehicle or an automated motor vehicle, or to any automated technology, as provided in section 2949b of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2949b.

History: Add. 2013, Act 231, Eff. Mar. 27, 2014.

Compiler's note: Former MCL 257.817, which pertained to effective date for fee, charge, or tax increase, was repealed by Act 152 of 2003, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

257.818 Repealed. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to signs and lists of transaction costs and fees.

257.819 Disposition and use of revenues from increases in fees.

Sec. 819. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, revenue from the increases in fees provided in 1987 PA 232 must be deposited in the transportation economic development fund established in section 2 of 1987 PA 231, MCL 247.902, and must not be appropriated for any other purpose in any act making appropriations of state funds.

(2) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, and each fiscal year thereafter, of the revenue from the increases in fees provided in 1987 PA 232, \$2,500,000.00 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund, except that not more than \$1,000,000.00 must be credited to the gasoline inspection and testing fund established in section 8 of the motor fuels quality act, 1984 PA 44, MCL 290.648.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (2), for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, of the revenue from the increases in fees provided in 1987 PA 232, \$13,000,000.00 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (2), for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, of prior and current revenues from the increases in fees provided in 1987 PA 232, \$18,000,000.00 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, \$12,000,000.00 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (2), for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, of the revenue from the increases in fees provided in 1987 PA 232, \$9,423,700.00 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (2), for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 only, of the

revenue from the increases in fees provided in 1987 PA 232, \$13,000,000.00 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

(7) Except as provided in subsection (2), for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 only, of the revenue from the increases in fees provided in 1987 PA 232, \$13,000,000.00 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

History: Add. 1987, Act 232, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1990, Act 168, Imd. Eff. July 2, 1990;—Am. 2008, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Feb. 15, 2008;—Am. 2008, Act 346, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2008;—Am. 2009, Act 137, Imd. Eff. Nov. 4, 2009;—Am. 2016, Act 280, Eff. Sept. 29, 2016;—Am. 2020, Act 203, Imd. Eff. Oct. 15, 2020.

257.819a Traffic law enforcement and safety fund; creation; investment, disposition, transfer, and expenditure of money.

Sec. 819a. (1) The traffic law enforcement and safety fund is created within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The director of the department of state police may transfer any amount in the fund to the trooper recruit school fund created under section 819b.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), the department of state police shall expend money from the fund, upon appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

(a) To enhance enforcement of traffic laws.

(b) To enhance the ability to provide safety on the streets and highways of this state.

History: Add. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2005, Act 179, Imd. Eff. Oct. 20, 2005.

257.819b Trooper recruit school fund; creation; investment, disposition, and expenditure of money.

Sec. 819b. (1) The trooper recruit school fund is created within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(3) Money in an amount of not more than \$5,000,000.00 in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund. Any amount greater than \$5,000,000.00 at the close of the fiscal year shall be credited to the traffic law enforcement and safety fund created under section 819a.

(4) The department of state police shall expend money from the fund, upon appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

(a) Conduct a trooper recruit school to recruit and train new troopers.

(b) Conduct retraining schools for new troopers during the trooper probationary period.

History: Add. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

257.820 Repealed. 2003, Act 152, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to applicability of fee increases.

257.821 Disposition and use of fees.

Sec. 821. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$120,000.00 or 5% of the revenue from the road test fees, whichever is greater, shall be deposited in the transportation economic development fund from behind-the-wheel road test fees collected pursuant to section 309 in connection with the issuance of a vehicle group designation or indorsement. The balance of the revenue from these fees shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund and shall be used to cover administrative costs of the department of state associated with new duties imposed with respect to commercial vehicles pursuant to Act No. 346 of the Public Acts of 1988.

History: Add. 1989, Act 280, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1989.