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ISSUE ONE VANITY LIC. PLATE

House Bill 4599

Sponsor: Rep. Penny Crissman Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4599 AS INTRODUCED 4-1-93

The Michigan Vehicle Code currently allows a person to purchase personalized "vanity" registration plates for his or her motor vehicle, and provides for the secretary of state to issue two plates after a person has paid a service fee of \$3 for the first month and \$2 per month for each additional month in the registration period (in addition to the regular registration fee). (For motorcycles, however, the secretary of state may issue only one vanity plate.) The bill would amend the act to allow the secretary of state to issue only one vanity plate to a person after he or she paid a service fee of \$8 for the first month and \$2 per month thereafter during the registration period. The bill also provides that the application fee to renew a vanity plate would be \$25 in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. Language pertaining to the issuance of one vanity plate for a motorcycle, including a provision that prohibits a motorcycle vanity plate from duplicating another motorcycle plate, would be deleted.

Upon the issuance or renewal of a vanity plate the secretary of state could issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of its expiration. When the plate was renewed, the secretary of state would have to issue a new tab or tabs designating the plate's next expiration date. The secretary of state could not, upon renewal, issue the owner a new exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate was illegible and the owner paid the service fee and registration fee for an original vanity plate.

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