



HOUSE BILL No. 5577

April 12, 2000, Introduced by Rep. Switalski and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 1992 PA 297.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 226. (1) A vehicle registration issued by the secre-
2 tary of state expires on the LAST DAY OF THE owner's ~~birthday~~
3 BIRTH MONTH, unless another expiration date is provided for under
4 this act or unless the registration is for the following vehi-
5 cles, in which case registration expires on the last day of
6 February:

7 (a) A commercial vehicle, except for a commercial vehicle
8 issued a registration under the international registration plan
9 or a pickup truck or van owned by an individual.

1 (b) Except for a trailer or semitrailer issued a
2 registration under the international registration plan, a trailer
3 or semitrailer owned by a business, corporation, or person other
4 than an individual; or a pole trailer.

5 (2) The expiration date for a registration issued for a
6 motorcycle is March 31.

7 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the let-
8 ters "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

9 (4) In the case of a vehicle owned by a business, corpora-
10 tion, or an owner other than an individual, the secretary of
11 state may assign or reassign the expiration date of the
12 registration.

13 (5) The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

14 (a) After the October 1 immediately preceding the year des-
15 ignated on the registration, issue a registration upon applica-
16 tion and payment of the proper fee for a commercial vehicle,
17 other than a pickup or van owned by an individual; or a trailer
18 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an
19 individual.

20 (b) Beginning 60 days before the expiration date assigned on
21 an international registration plan registration plate, issue a
22 registration under section 801g upon application and payment of
23 the proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in
24 interstate commerce.

25 (c) After the February 14 immediately preceding the year
26 designated on a registration, issue a registration upon
27 application and payment of the proper fee for a motorcycle.

1 (d) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday and 120
2 days before the expiration date assigned by the secretary of
3 state, issue a registration for a vehicle other than those desig-
4 nated in subsection (1)(a) or (b). However, if an owner whose
5 registration period begins 45 days before his or her birthday
6 will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately preceding
7 expiration of a registration or for other good cause shown cannot
8 apply for a renewal registration within the 45-day period, appli-
9 cation for a renewal registration may be made not more than 6
10 months before expiration.

11 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
12 secretary of state, upon application and payment of the proper
13 fee, shall issue a registration for a vehicle to a resident
14 ~~which~~ THAT shall expire on the LAST DAY OF THE owner's
15 ~~birthday~~ BIRTH MONTH. If the owner's next birthday is at least
16 6 months but not more than 12 months in the future, the owner
17 shall receive a registration valid until the LAST DAY OF THE
18 owner's next ~~birthday~~ BIRTH MONTH. If the owner's next birth-
19 day is less than 6 months in the future, the owner shall receive
20 a registration valid until the LAST DAY OF THE owner's ~~birthday~~
21 BIRTH MONTH following the owner's next birthday. The tax
22 required under this act for a registration described in this sub-
23 section shall bear the same relationship to the tax required
24 under section 801 for a 12-month registration as the length of
25 time of the registration bears to 12 months. Partial months
26 shall be considered as whole months in the calculation of the
27 required tax and in the determination of the length of time

1 between the application for a registration and the owner's next
2 birthday. The tax required for that registration shall be
3 rounded off to whole dollars as provided in section 801.

4 (7) A certificate of title shall remain valid until canceled
5 by the secretary of state for cause or upon a transfer of an
6 interest shown on the certificate of title.

7 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue spe-
8 cial registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months
9 after the date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds
10 \$50.00, on the payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a
11 service charge as enumerated in section 802(1).

12 (9) The secretary of state may issue a special registration
13 for each of the following:

14 (a) A new vehicle purchased outside of this state and deliv-
15 ered in this state to the purchaser by the manufacturer of that
16 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a certi-
17 fication is made that the vehicle will be primarily used, stored,
18 and registered outside of this state and will not be returned to
19 this state by the purchaser for use or storage.

20 (b) A vehicle purchased in this state and delivered to the
21 purchaser by a dealer or by the owner of the vehicle for removal
22 to a place outside of this state, if a certification is made that
23 the vehicle will be primarily used, stored, and registered out-
24 side of this state and will not be returned to this state by the
25 purchaser for use or storage.

26 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is
27 valid for not more than 14 days after the date of issuance, and a

1 fee shall be collected for each special registration as provided
2 in section 802(3). The special registration may be in the form
3 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail
4 sale of a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified and eligible to
5 obtain a special registration, the dealer shall apply for the
6 special registration for the purchaser. If a person other than a
7 dealer sells a vehicle to a purchaser who is qualified and eligi-
8 ble to obtain a special registration, the purchaser shall appear
9 in person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's power of
10 attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a
11 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or that
12 the person has granted the power of attorney, together with other
13 forms required for the issuance of the special registration and
14 provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is
15 covered by a Michigan no-fault insurance policy issued pursuant
16 to section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, ~~Act No. 218 of~~
17 ~~the Public Acts of 1956, being section 500.3101 of the Michigan~~
18 ~~Compiled Laws~~ 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101, or proof that the vehi-
19 cle is covered by a policy of insurance issued by an insurer pur-
20 suant to section 3163 of ~~Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956,~~
21 ~~being section 500.3163 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ THE INSUR-
22 ANCE CODE OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3163. The certification
23 required in this subsection shall contain all of the following:

24 (a) The address of the purchaser.

25 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased for registra-
26 tion outside of this state.

1 (c) A statement that the vehicle shall be primarily used,
2 stored, and registered outside of this state.

3 (d) The name of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is to
4 be registered.

5 (e) Other information desired by the secretary of state.

6 (11) Upon request, the secretary of state may issue a regis-
7 tration valid for 6 months after the date of issuance for use on
8 a trailer or semitrailer weighing 1,500 pounds or less and that
9 is used for recreational purposes, upon payment of 1/2 the full
10 registration fee imposed under section 801(1)(l).

11 (12) In the case of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or semi-
12 trailer issued a registration under the international registra-
13 tion plan, the secretary of state in mutual agreement with the
14 owner may assign or reassign the expiration date of the
15 registration. However, the expiration date agreed to shall be
16 either March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31. Renewals
17 expiring on or after September 30, 1993 shall be for a minimum of
18 at least 12 months if there is a change in the established expi-
19 ration date.