

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4633**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 224 (MCL 257.224), as amended by 2012 PA 491.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 224. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act  
2 regarding tabs or stickers, upon registering a vehicle, the  
3 secretary of state shall issue to the owner 1 registration plate.

4           (2) A registration plate shall display the registration number  
5 assigned to the vehicle for which the registration plate is issued;  
6 the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and when the  
7 registration plate expires, which may be shown by a tab or sticker  
8 furnished by the secretary of state.

9           (3) A registration plate issued for motor vehicles owned and

1 operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a  
2 privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department; or a  
3 nonpublic, nonprofit college or university of this state shall not  
4 expire at any particular time but shall be renewed when the  
5 registration plate is worn out or is illegible. This registration  
6 plate shall be assigned upon proper application and payment of the  
7 applicable fee and may be used on any eligible vehicle titled to  
8 the applicant if a written record is kept of the vehicles upon  
9 which the registration plate is used. The written record shall  
10 state the time the registration plate is used on a particular  
11 vehicle. The record shall be open to inspection by a law  
12 enforcement officer or a representative of the secretary of state.

13 (4) A registration plate issued for a vehicle owned by the  
14 civil air patrol as organized under 36 USC 201 to 208; a vehicle  
15 owned by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment  
16 for providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; an emergency  
17 support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and  
18 operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable  
19 organization; a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans  
20 center; a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or  
21 ship's body which is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and  
22 used exclusively in parades and civic events; a vehicle owned and  
23 operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a federally recognized  
24 nonprofit conservation organization until December 31, 2000; a  
25 motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior citizen center; and a  
26 registration plate issued for buses including station wagons,  
27 carryalls, or similarly constructed vehicles owned and operated by

1 a nonprofit parents' transportation corporation used for school  
2 purposes, parochial school, society, church Sunday school, or other  
3 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit  
4 rehabilitation facility shall be issued upon proper application and  
5 payment of the applicable tax provided in section 801(1)(g) or (h)  
6 to the applicant for the vehicle identified in the application. The  
7 vehicle shall be used exclusively for activities of the school or  
8 organization and shall be designated by proper signs showing the  
9 school or organization operating the vehicle. The registration  
10 plate shall expire on December 31 in the fifth year following the  
11 date of issuance. The registration plate may be transferred to  
12 another vehicle upon proper application and payment of a \$10.00  
13 transfer fee.

14 (5) The department shall ~~not issue or transfer a standard~~  
15 ~~design beads on paint registration plate or issue a registration~~  
16 ~~tab or sticker for that plate, but shall offer a new standard~~  
17 design registration plate that complies with the requirements of  
18 this act. The new standard design registration plate shall be of a  
19 common color scheme and design that is made of fully reflectorized  
20 material and shall be clearly visible at night. ~~The implementation~~  
21 ~~of this subsection is contingent upon appropriations sufficient to~~  
22 ~~cover the costs to the department of designing, manufacturing,~~  
23 ~~distributing, and issuing the new standard design registration~~  
24 ~~plate. The secretary of state shall file a written report with the~~  
25 ~~secretary of the senate and the clerk of the house of~~  
26 ~~representatives of the costs incurred and revenue expended to meet~~  
27 ~~the requirements of this subsection within 30 days after all of the~~

1 ~~standard design beads on paint registration plates to be replaced~~  
2 ~~under this subsection have been replaced.~~

3 (6) The department may use the Pure Michigan brand or a  
4 successor or similar brand that is used in conjunction with ~~the~~  
5 **THIS** state's promotion, travel, and tourism campaigns or marketing  
6 efforts as part of the standard design for registration plates.

7 (7) The registration plate and the required letters and  
8 numerals on the registration plate shall be of sufficient size to  
9 be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.  
10 The secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the  
11 month and year of expiration.

12 (8) The secretary of state shall issue for every passenger  
13 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of registration  
14 plate as the type of registration plate issued for private  
15 passenger vehicles.

16 (9) A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public  
17 highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate  
18 other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the  
19 secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for  
20 nonresidents, ~~and~~ **OR** by assignment **AS** provided in subsection (3).

21 (10) The registration plate displayed on a vehicle registered  
22 on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the elected  
23 gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.

24 **(11) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2015, A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED**  
25 **BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE RENEWED 10 YEARS**  
26 **AFTER THE DATE THAT REGISTRATION PLATE WAS ISSUED. THE OWNER OF A**  
27 **VEHICLE WHOSE REGISTRATION PLATE IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR RENEWAL**

1 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT REGISTRATION PLATE  
2 UPON PAYMENT OF THE FEE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 804. FOR ANY  
3 ALPHANUMERIC SERIES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS RETIRED FROM  
4 CIRCULATION, UPON REQUEST OF THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE WHOSE  
5 REGISTRATION PLATE IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR RENEWAL UNDER THIS  
6 SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A NEW REGISTRATION PLATE WITH  
7 THE SAME REGISTRATION NUMBER AS WAS DISPLAYED ON THE EXPIRED  
8 REGISTRATION PLATE AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 803B.

9 (12) THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, THE MICHIGAN  
11 SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION, 1 INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE  
12 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND 1 INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE SENATE  
13 MAJORITY LEADER, SHALL PREPARE A REPORT ANALYZING THE VIABILITY OF  
14 MOVING FROM THE CURRENT REGISTRATION PLATE PRODUCTION PROCESS TO A  
15 DIGITAL PRINTING OF REGISTRATION PLATES. THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
16 SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE  
17 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
18 TRANSPORTATION ISSUES NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2013.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect December  
20 1, 2013.