

HOUSE BILL No. 4634

April 25, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Schmidt and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 2004 PA 163.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 226. (1) A vehicle registration issued by the secretary
2 of state expires on the owner's birthday, unless another expiration
3 date is provided for under this act or unless the registration is
4 for the following vehicles, in which case registration expires on
5 ~~the last day of February.~~ **AS FOLLOWS:**

6 (a) ~~A~~ **FOR A** commercial vehicle except for a commercial vehicle
7 issued a registration under the international registration plan or
8 a pickup truck or van owned by an individual, **THE LAST DAY OF**
9 **FEBRUARY.**

10 (b) Except for a trailer or semitrailer issued a registration

1 under the international registration plan, a trailer or semitrailer
2 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an
3 individual; or a pole trailer; **JANUARY 1.**

4 (2) ~~Until February 1, 2005, the expiration date for a~~
5 ~~registration issued for a motorcycle is March 31. Beginning~~
6 ~~February 1, 2005, the~~ **THE** expiration date for a registration issued
7 for a motorcycle is the motorcycle owner's birthday.

8 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the letters
9 "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

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

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

14 (a) After the October 1 immediately preceding the year
15 designated on the registration, issue a registration upon
16 application and payment of the proper fee for a commercial vehicle,
17 other than a pickup or van owned by an individual ~~+~~ **FOR** a
18 trailer 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 the
23 proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in
24 interstate commerce.

25 (c) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday and 120 days
26 before the expiration date assigned by the secretary of state,
27 issue a registration for a vehicle other than those designated in

1 subsection (1) (a) or (b). However, if an owner whose registration
2 period begins 45 days before his or her birthday will be out of ~~the~~
3 **THIS** state during the 45 days immediately preceding expiration of a
4 registration or for other good cause shown cannot apply for a
5 renewal registration within the 45-day period, application for a
6 renewal registration may be made not more than 6 months before
7 expiration.

8 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
9 secretary of state, upon application and payment of the proper fee,
10 shall issue a registration for a vehicle or a motorcycle to a
11 resident that ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the owner's birthday. If the
12 owner's next birthday is at least 6 months but not more than 12
13 months in the future, the owner shall receive a registration valid
14 until the owner's next birthday. If the owner's next birthday is
15 less than 6 months in the future, the owner shall receive a
16 registration valid until the owner's birthday following the owner's
17 next birthday. The tax required under this act for a registration
18 described in this subsection shall be either of the following:

19 (a) For an original registration, the tax shall bear the same
20 relationship to the tax required under section 801 for a 12-month
21 registration as the length of the registration bears to 12 months.

22 (b) For a renewal of a registration, either of the following:

23 (i) For a registration that is for at least 6 months but not
24 more than 12 months, the same amount as for 12 months.

25 (ii) For a renewal of a registration that is for more than 12
26 months, 2 times the amount for 12 months.

27 Partial months ~~shall be~~ **ARE** considered as whole months in the

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

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

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

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

15 (a) A new vehicle purchased or leased outside of this state
16 and delivered in this state to the purchaser or lessee by the
17 manufacturer of that vehicle for removal to a place outside of this
18 state, if a certification is made that the vehicle will be
19 primarily used, stored, and registered outside of this state and
20 will not be returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for
21 use or storage.

22 (b) A vehicle purchased or leased in this state and delivered
23 to the purchaser or lessee by a dealer or by the owner of the
24 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a
25 certification is made that the vehicle will be primarily used,
26 stored, and registered outside of this state and will not be
27 returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for use or

1 storage.

2 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is
3 valid for not more than 14 days after the date of issuance, and a
4 fee shall be collected for each special registration as provided in
5 section 802(3). The special registration may be in ~~the~~**A** form
6 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail
7 sale or lease of a vehicle to a purchaser or lessee who is
8 qualified and eligible to obtain a special registration, the dealer
9 shall apply for the special registration for the purchaser or
10 lessee. If a person other than a dealer sells or leases a vehicle
11 to a purchaser or lessee who is qualified and eligible to obtain a
12 special registration, the purchaser or lessee shall appear in
13 person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's or lessee's power
14 of attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a
15 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or lessee
16 or that the person has granted the power of attorney, together with
17 other forms required for the issuance of the special registration
18 and provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is
19 covered by a Michigan no-fault insurance policy issued pursuant to
20 section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL
21 500.3101, or proof that the vehicle is covered by a policy of
22 insurance issued by an insurer pursuant to section 3163 of the
23 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3163. The
24 certification required in this subsection shall contain all of the
25 following:

26 (a) The address of the purchaser or lessee.

27 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased or leased for

1 registration outside of this state.

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

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

6 (e) Other information requested by the secretary of state.

7 ~~—(11) Upon request, the secretary of state may issue a~~
8 ~~registration valid for 6 months after the date of issuance for use~~
9 ~~on a trailer or semitrailer weighing 1,500 pounds or less and that~~
10 ~~is used for recreational purposes, upon payment of 1/2 the full~~
11 ~~registration fee imposed under section 801(1) (l). This subsection~~
12 ~~does not apply after October 1, 2003.~~

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

22 (12) ~~(13)~~—The expiration date for a multiyear registration
23 issued for a leased vehicle ~~shall be~~ **IS** the date the lease expires,
24 but shall not be for a period longer than 24 months.