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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4183 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative John R. Roth  
House Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure  
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

Date Completed: 3-11-24

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to expand the exhibition period for historic vehicles from the month of August to the period between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.

Currently, "historic vehicle" means a vehicle that is over 25 years old and that is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, including mechanical testing, but is not used for general transportation. The use of a historic vehicle during the month of August is considered an exhibition.<sup>1</sup> Instead, under the bill, the exhibition period would be from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

MCL 257.20a

**PREVIOUS LEGISLATION**

*(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)*

The bill is a reintroduction of House Bill 5882 of the 2021-2022 Legislative Session. House Bill 5882 passed the House and was referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Abby Schneider

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would not have a fiscal impact on the State or local government units, assuming that these plates are used as intended and not for general transportation. The bill could increase the number of historical plates, which receive a discount on registration fees. If vehicles with historic plates are being used for general transportation, then this would have a negative fiscal impact on the State and local government units by reducing the Michigan Transportation Fund.

Fiscal Analyst: Bobby Canell

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<sup>1</sup> A historic vehicle may be registered with the Secretary of State with 1) a Michigan historical vehicle plate or 2) an actual Michigan license plate which is the same year as the historic vehicle's model year. The registration fee for a Michigan historical vehicle plate is \$30 and lasts for 10 years. For authentic historic plates, the fee is \$35. The registration is valid until the vehicle is sold, transferred, scrapped, or modified. The Code exempts historic vehicles from certain registration-related taxes; for more information, see MCL 257.801.

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