

**STATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD**  
**Act 222 of 1972**

AN ACT to provide for an official personal identification card; to provide for its form, issuance and use; to regulate the use and disclosure of information obtained from the card; to prescribe the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to prescribe fees; to prescribe certain penalties for violations; and to provide an appropriation for certain purposes.

**History:** 1972, Act 222, Imd. Eff. July 25, 1972;—Am. 1975, Act 307, Eff. Jan. 1, 1976;—Am. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997;—Am. 2002, Act 553, Eff. Oct. 1, 2002.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**28.291 Official state personal identification card; application; requirements; identification card issued by department of corrections as documentation; electronic access to prisoner information; person holding operator's or chauffeur's license; applicant not citizen of United States; disclosure or display of social security number; exception; agreements with federal government; termination of official state personal identification card issued by another state; duties of secretary of state.**

Sec. 1. (1) A person who is a resident of this state may apply to the department of state for an official state personal identification card. Upon application, the applicant shall supply a photographic identity document, a birth certificate or other nonphotographic identity document, and other sufficient documents as the secretary of state may require to verify the identity and citizenship of the applicant. If an applicant for an official state personal identification card is not a citizen of the United States, the applicant shall supply a photographic identity document and other sufficient documents to verify the identity of the applicant and the applicant's legal presence in the United States under subsection (5). The documents required under this subsection shall include the applicant's full legal name, date of birth, address, and residency and demonstrate that the applicant is a citizen of the United States or is legally present in the United States. If the applicant's full legal name differs from the name of the applicant that appears on a document presented under this subsection, the applicant shall present documents to verify his or her current full legal name. An application for a state personal identification card shall be made in a manner prescribed by the secretary of state and shall contain the applicant's full legal name, date of birth, residence address, height, sex, eye color, signature, intent to be an organ donor, other information required or permitted on the official state personal identification card and, only to the extent to comply with federal law, the applicant's social security number. The applicant may provide a mailing address if the applicant receives mail at an address different from his or her residence address.

(2) The secretary of state shall accept as 1 of the identification documents required under subsection (1) an identification card issued by the department of corrections to prisoners who are placed on parole or released from a correctional facility, containing the prisoner's legal name, photograph, and other information identifying the prisoner as provided in section 37(4) of the corrections code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.237.

(3) The secretary of state shall have electronic access to prisoner information maintained by the department of corrections for the purpose of verifying the identity of a prisoner who applies for an official state identification card under subsection (1).

(4) The secretary of state shall not issue an official state personal identification card to a person who holds an operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, unless the license has been suspended, revoked, or restricted.

(5) If the applicant is not a citizen of the United States, the applicant shall provide, and the department shall verify, documents demonstrating his or her legal presence in the United States. Nothing in this act shall obligate or be construed to obligate this state to comply with title II of the real ID act of 2005, Public Law 109-13. The secretary of state may adopt rules under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, as are necessary for the administration of this subsection. A determination by the secretary of state that an applicant is not legally present in the United States may be appealed under section 631 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.631.

(6) The secretary of state shall not disclose a social security number obtained under subsection (1) to another person except for use for 1 or more of the following purposes:

(a) Compliance with 49 USC 31301 to 31317 and regulations and rules related to this act.

(b) To carry out the purposes of section 466(a) of the social security act, 42 USC 666, in connection with

matters relating to paternity, child support, or overdue child support.

(c) With the department of community health, for comparison with vital records maintained by the department of community health under part 28 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.2801 to 333.2899.

(d) As otherwise required by law.

(7) The secretary of state shall not display a person's social security number on the person's official state personal identification card.

(8) A requirement under this section to include a social security number on an application does not apply to an applicant who demonstrates he or she is exempt under law from obtaining a social security number.

(9) The secretary of state, with the approval of the state administrative board created under 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3, may enter into agreements with the United States government to verify whether an applicant for an official state personal identification card under this section who is not a citizen of the United States is authorized under federal law to be present in the United States.

(10) The secretary of state shall not issue an official state personal identification card to a person holding an official state personal identification card issued by another state without confirmation that the person is terminating or has terminated the official state personal identification card issued by the other state.

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

(a) Ensure the physical security of locations where official state personal identification cards are produced and the security of document materials and papers from which official state personal identification cards are produced.

(b) Subject all persons authorized to manufacture or produce official state personal identification cards and all persons who have the ability to affect the identity information that appears on official state personal identification cards to appropriate security clearance requirements. The security requirements of this subdivision and subdivision (a) may require that official state personal identification cards be manufactured or produced in this state.

(c) Provide fraudulent document recognition programs to department of state employees engaged in the issuance of official state personal identification cards.

**History:** 1972, Act 222, Imd. Eff. July 25, 1972;—Am. 1975, Act 307, Eff. Jan. 1, 1976;—Am. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997;—Am. 2005, Act 143, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2005;—Am. 2008, Act 31, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 2008;—Am. 2011, Act 158, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2012, Act 25, Imd. Eff. Feb. 23, 2012.

## **28.291a Definitions.**

Sec. 1a. As used in this act:

(a) "Highly restricted personal information" includes an individual's photograph or image, social security number, digitized signature, and medical and disability information and source documents presented by an applicant to obtain a personal identification card under section 1.

(b) "Personal information" means information that identifies an individual, including the individual's photograph or image, name, address (but not the 5-digit zip code), driver license number, social security number, telephone number, digitized signature, and medical and disability information.

(c) "Residence address" means the place that is the settled home or domicile at which a person legally resides, which meets the definition of residence as defined in section 11 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.11.

(d) "Resident" means every person who resides in this state and establishes that he or she is legally present in the United States. This definition applies to the provisions of this act only.

**History:** Add. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997;—Am. 2008, Act 31, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 2008.

## **28.292 Official state personal identification card; contents; duties of secretary of state; methods; form; emergency medical information card; fingerprint or finger image; retention and use of individual's digital photographic image; limitation; evidence of blindness; placement on donor registry; identifier for voter registration purposes; information; issuance; manufacture; fees; expiration; renewal; waiver of fee; correction for change of name or address; application for renewal; other information; access to emergency information by law enforcement agencies; emancipated minor; participation in anatomical gift donor registry; validity.**

Sec. 2. (1) An official state personal identification card shall contain the following:

(a) An identification number permanently assigned to the individual to whom the card is issued.

(b) The full legal name, date of birth, sex, residence address, height, weight, eye color, digital photographic

image, signature of or verification and certification by the applicant, as determined by the secretary of state, and expiration date of the official state personal identification card.

(c) An indication that the identification card contains 1 or more of the following:

- (i) The blood type of the individual.
- (ii) Immunization data of the individual.
- (iii) Medication data of the individual.
- (iv) A statement that the individual is deaf.

(d) In the case of a holder of an official state personal identification card who has indicated his or her wish to participate in the anatomical gift donor registry under part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10123, a heart insignia on the front of the official state personal identification card.

(e) If requested by an individual who is a veteran as defined in section 1 of 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61, a designation that the individual is a veteran. The designation shall be in a style and format considered appropriate by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall require proof of discharge or separation of service from the armed forces of this state, another state, or the United States, and the nature of that discharge, for the purposes of verifying an individual's status as a veteran under this subdivision. The secretary of state shall consult with the department of military and veterans affairs in determining the proof that shall be required to identify an individual's status as a veteran for the purposes of this subsection. The secretary of state may provide the department of military and veterans affairs and agencies of the counties of this state that provide veteran services with information provided by an applicant under this subsection for the purpose of veterans' benefits eligibility referral.

(f) Physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting, or duplication of the official state personal identification card for fraudulent purposes.

(2) In conjunction with the application for an official state personal identification card, the secretary of state shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide the applicant with all of the following:

(i) Information explaining the applicant's right to make an anatomical gift in the event of death under part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10123, and in accordance with this section.

(ii) Information describing the donor registry program maintained by Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization or its successor organization under section 10120 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10120. The information required under this subparagraph includes the address and telephone number of Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization or its successor organization as described in section 10120 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10120.

(iii) Information giving the applicant the opportunity to have his or her name placed on the registry described in subparagraph (ii).

(b) Provide the applicant with the opportunity to specify on his or her official state personal identification card that he or she is willing to make an anatomical gift in the event of death pursuant to part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10123, and in accordance with this section.

(c) Inform the applicant that, if he or she indicates to the secretary of state under this section a willingness to have his or her name placed on the donor registry described in subdivision (a)(ii), the secretary of state will mark the applicant's record for the donor registry.

(3) The secretary of state may fulfill the requirements of subsection (2) by 1 or more of the following methods:

(a) Providing printed material enclosed with a mailed notice for the issuance or renewal of an official state personal identification card.

(b) Providing printed material to an applicant who personally appears at a secretary of state branch office.

(c) Through electronic information transmittals for applications processed by electronic means.

(4) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the official state personal identification card. The secretary of state shall designate a space on the identification card where the applicant may place a sticker or decal of a uniform size as the secretary may specify to indicate that the cardholder carries a separate emergency medical information card. The sticker or decal may be provided by any person, hospital, school, medical group, or association interested in assisting in implementing the emergency medical information card, but shall meet the specifications of the secretary of state. The sticker or decal also may be used to indicate that the cardholder has designated 1 or more patient advocates in accordance with section 5506 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5506. The emergency medical information card, carried separately by the cardholder, may contain the information described in subsection (2)(c), information concerning the cardholder's patient advocate designation, other emergency medical information, or an indication as to where the cardholder has stored or registered emergency medical information. An original

identification card or the renewal of an existing identification card issued to an individual less than 21 years of age shall be portrait or vertical in form and an identification card issued to an individual 21 years of age or over shall be landscape or horizontal in form. Except as otherwise required in this act, other information required on the identification card under this act may appear on the identification card in a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(5) The identification card shall not contain a fingerprint or finger image of the applicant.

(6) Except as provided in this subsection, the secretary of state shall retain and use an individual's digital photographic image and signature described in subsection (1)(b) only for programs administered by the secretary of state as specifically authorized by law. An individual's digital photographic image or signature shall only be used as follows:

(a) By a federal, state, or local governmental agency for a law enforcement purpose authorized by law.

(b) By the secretary of state for a use specifically authorized by law.

(c) The secretary of state shall forward to the department of state police the images of individuals required to be registered under the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.721 to 28.736, upon the department of state police providing the secretary of state an updated list of those individuals.

(d) As necessary to comply with a law of this state or the United States.

(7) If an individual presents evidence of statutory blindness as provided in 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351 to 393.368, and is issued or is the holder of an official state personal identification card, the secretary of state shall mark the individual's identification card in a manner that clearly indicates that the cardholder is legally blind.

(8) The secretary of state shall maintain a record of an individual who indicates a willingness to have his or her name placed on the donor registry described in subsection (2)(a)(ii). Information about an individual's indication of a willingness to have his or her name placed on the donor registry that is obtained by the secretary of state and forwarded under this section is exempt from disclosure under section 13(1)(d) of the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.243. As required in section 10120 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10120, the secretary of state shall establish and maintain the donor registry in a manner that complies with that section and that provides electronic access, including, but not limited to, the transfer of data to this state's federally designated organ procurement organization or its successor organization, tissue banks, and eye banks.

(9) An official state personal identification card may contain an identifier for voter registration purposes.

(10) An official state personal identification card shall contain information appearing in electronic or machine readable codes needed to conduct a transaction with the secretary of state. The information shall be limited to the information described in subsection (1)(a) and (b) except for the person's digital photographic image and signature or verification and certification, state of issuance, and other information necessary for use with electronic devices, machine readers, or automatic teller machines and shall not contain the individual's driving record or other personal identifier. The identification card shall identify the encoded information.

(11) An official state personal identification card shall be issued only upon authorization of the secretary of state, and shall be manufactured in a manner to prohibit as nearly as possible the ability to reproduce, alter, counterfeit, forge, or duplicate the identification card without ready detection.

(12) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an applicant shall pay a fee of \$10.00 to the secretary of state for each original or renewal official state personal identification card issued. The department of treasury shall deposit the fees received and collected under this section in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund. The legislature shall appropriate the fees credited to the general fund under this act to the secretary of state for the administration of this act. Appropriations from the Michigan transportation fund created under section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660, shall not be used to compensate the secretary of state for costs incurred and services performed under this section.

(13) An original or renewal official state personal identification card expires on the birthday of the individual to whom it is issued in the fourth year following the date of issuance or on the date the individual is no longer considered to be legally present in the United States under section 1, whichever is earlier. The secretary of state shall not issue an official state personal identification card under this act for a period greater than 4 years. Except as provided in this subsection, the secretary of state may issue a renewal official state personal identification card for 1 additional 4-year period by mail or by other methods prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall require renewal in person by an individual required under section 5a of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.725a, to maintain a valid operator's or chauffeur's license or official state personal identification card.

(14) The secretary of state shall waive the fee under this section if the applicant is any of the following:

(a) An individual 65 years of age or older.

(b) An individual who has had his or her operator's or chauffeur's license suspended, revoked, or denied



under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, because of a mental or physical infirmity or disability.

(c) An individual who presents evidence of statutory blindness as provided in 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351 to 393.368.

(d) An individual who presents other good cause for a fee waiver.

(e) An individual who wishes to add or remove a heart insignia described in subsection (1)(d).

(15) An individual who has been issued an official state personal identification card shall apply for a renewal official state personal identification card if the individual changes his or her name.

(16) An individual who has been issued an official state personal identification card shall apply for a corrected identification card if he or she changes his or her residence address. The secretary of state may correct the address on an identification card by a method prescribed by the secretary of state. A fee shall not be charged for a change of residence address.

(17) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (15) and (16), an individual who has been issued an official state personal identification card may apply for a renewal official state personal identification card for 1 or more of the following reasons:

(a) The individual wants to change any information on the identification card.

(b) An identification card issued under this act is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, or becomes illegible.

(18) An individual may indicate on an official state personal identification card in a place designated by the secretary of state his or her blood type, emergency contact information, immunization data, medication data, or a statement that the individual is deaf.

(19) No later than January 1, 2017, the secretary of state shall develop and shall, in conjunction with the department of state police, implement a process using the L.E.I.N. or any other appropriate system that limits access to law enforcement that would allow law enforcement agencies of this state to access emergency contact information that the holder of an official state personal identification card has voluntarily provided to the secretary of state. As used in this subsection, "emergency contact information" means the name, telephone number, or address of an individual that is used for the sole purpose of contacting that individual when the holder of an official state personal identification card has been involved in an emergency.

(20) If an applicant provides proof to the secretary of state that he or she is a minor who has been emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, the official state personal identification card shall bear the designation of the individual's emancipated status in a manner prescribed by the secretary of state.

(21) The secretary of state shall inquire of each individual who applies for or who holds an official state personal identification card, in person or by mail, whether he or she agrees to participate in the anatomical gift donor registry under part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10123. An individual who has agreed to participate in the donor registry shall not be considered to have revoked that agreement solely because the individual's official state personal identification card has expired. Enrollment in the donor registry constitutes a legal agreement that remains binding and in effect after the donor's death regardless of the expressed desires of the deceased donor's next of kin who may oppose the donor's anatomical gift.

(22) A valid official state personal identification card presented by the individual to whom the card is issued shall be considered the same as a valid state of Michigan driver license when identification is requested except as otherwise specifically provided by law.

**History:** 1972, Act 222, Imd. Eff. July 25, 1972;—Am. 1975, Act 307, Eff. Jan. 1, 1976;—Am. 1977, Act 286, Eff. Mar. 30, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 444, Imd. Eff. Jan. 15, 1981;—Am. 1984, Act 335, Eff. Oct. 1, 1985;—Am. 1986, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986;—Am. 1989, Act 125, Imd. Eff. June 28, 1989;—Am. 1996, Act 204, Eff. Jan. 1, 1997;—Am. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997;—Am. 1998, Act 2, Eff. July 1, 1998;—Am. 1998, Act 118, Eff. July 3, 1998;—Am. 1999, Act 89, Eff. Sept. 1, 1999;—Am. 2001, Act 238, Imd. Eff. Jan. 3, 2002;—Am. 2002, Act 553, Eff. Oct. 1, 2002;—Am. 2003, Act 143, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;—Am. 2005, Act 143, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 2005;—Am. 2008, Act 31, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 2008;—Am. 2008, Act 40, Imd. Eff. Mar. 17, 2008;—Am. 2011, Act 158, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2013, Act 28, Eff. May 1, 2014;—Am. 2016, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Feb. 2, 2016;—Am. 2016, Act 203, Eff. Sept. 20, 2016.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 1 of Act 553 of 2002 provides:

"Enacting section 1. There is appropriated from the amount provided in section 310(16) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.310, a sufficient amount to carry out the provisions of the 2002 amendatory act that amended section 2 of 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.292, and the 2002 amendatory act that provided an appropriation in section 310 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.310."

## **28.293 False representation of information; violation as felony; additional violations; penalty; cancellation or return.**

Sec. 3. (1) A person who falsely represents information upon application for an official state personal identification card is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than 1 year but not more than

5 years, or by a fine of not less than \$500.00 but not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

(2) A person who is convicted of a second violation of this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than 2 years or more than 7 years, or by a fine of not less than \$1,500.00 or more than \$7,000.00, or both.

(3) A person who is convicted of a third or subsequent violation of this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than 5 years or more than 15 years, or by a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$15,000.00, or both.

(4) The department may cancel the official state personal identification card of a person who violates this section. The person shall return his or her official state personal identification card upon the request or order of the department.

**History:** 1972, Act 222, Imd. Eff. July 25, 1972;—Am. 1975, Act 307, Eff. Jan. 1, 1976;—Am. 1977, Act 286, Eff. Mar. 30, 1978;—Am. 1998, Act 2, Eff. July 1, 1998;—Am. 2011, Act 158, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011.

### **28.294 Forfeiture of card used or displayed during commission of crime.**

Sec. 4. An official state personal identification card used or displayed during the commission of a crime shall be forfeited to the secretary of state.

**History:** 1972, Act 222, Imd. Eff. July 25, 1972;—Am. 1975, Act 307, Eff. Jan. 1, 1976;—Am. 1977, Act 286, Eff. Mar. 30, 1978;—Am. 1984, Act 335, Eff. Oct. 1, 1985.

### **28.295 Conduct constituting felony or misdemeanor; penalties; exceptions; cancellation or return.**

Sec. 5. (1) A person who intentionally reproduces, alters, counterfeits, forges, or duplicates an official state personal identification card photograph, the negative of the photograph, an official state personal identification card image, an official state personal identification card, or the electronic data contained on an official state personal identification card or a part of an official state personal identification card or who uses an official state personal identification card, image, or photograph that has been reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated is subject to 1 of the following:

(a) If the intent of reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the commission of an offense that is a felony punishable by imprisonment for 10 or more years, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years or a fine of not more than \$20,000.00, or both.

(b) If the intent of the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the commission of an offense that is a felony punishable by imprisonment for less than 10 years or a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for 6 months or more, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(c) If the intent of the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the commission of an offense that is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for less than 6 months, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(2) A person who sells or possesses with the intent to deliver to another a reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated official state personal identification card photograph, negative of the photograph, official state personal identification card image, official state personal identification card, or electronic data contained on an official state personal identification card or part of an official state personal identification card, or who possesses 2 or more reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated official state identification card photographs, negatives of the photograph or photographs, image or images, official state identification card or cards, or electronic data contained on official state identification card or cards, is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(3) A person who is in possession of an altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated official state personal identification card photograph, negative of the photograph, official state personal identification card image, official state personal identification card, or electronic data contained on an official state personal identification card or part of an official state personal identification card is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(4) A person shall not steal or, without the cardholder's permission, knowingly take or knowingly remove an official state personal identification card from the person or possession of another. A person shall not use an official state personal identification card that is stolen or knowingly taken or knowingly removed from the

person or possession of another. Except as provided in subsection (5), a person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year.

(5) A person shall not use an official state personal identification card in the commission of a felony if the card is stolen or knowingly taken or knowingly removed from the person or possession of another. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of the penalties provided for the felony committed with the use of the card.

(6) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to a person who is in possession of 1 or more photocopies, reproductions, or duplications of an official state personal identification card or part of an official state personal identification card to document the person's identity for a legitimate business purpose.

(7) Subsections (1)(a) and (b) and (2) do not apply to a minor whose intent is to violate section 703 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703.

(8) The department may cancel the official state personal identification card of a person who violates this section. The person shall return his or her official state personal identification card upon the request or order of the department.

**History:** Add. 1977, Act 286, Eff. Mar. 30, 1978;—Am. 1984, Act 335, Eff. Oct. 1, 1985;—Am. 2004, Act 149, Eff. Sept. 1, 2004;—Am. 2011, Act 158, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011.

### **28.295a Prohibited conduct; violation as felony; penalties.**

Sec. 5a. (1) A person who makes a false representation or false certification to obtain personal information under this act, or who uses personal information for a purpose other than a permissible purpose identified in section 8 or 10, is guilty of a felony.

(2) A person who is convicted of a second violation of this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than 2 years or more than 7 years, or by a fine of not less than \$1,500.00 or more than \$7,000.00, or both.

(3) A person who is convicted of a third or subsequent violation of this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than 5 years or more than 15 years, or by a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$15,000.00, or both.

**History:** Add. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997.

### **28.296 Availability of records to public.**

Sec. 6. Records maintained under this act, other than those declared to be confidential by law or which are restricted by law from disclosure to the public, shall be available to the public pursuant to procedures prescribed in this act, in the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and in other applicable laws.

**History:** Add. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997.

### **28.297 Commercial look-up service; disposition of fees; computerized central file; providing file to nongovernmental person or entity.**

Sec. 7. (1) The secretary of state may provide a commercial look-up service of records maintained under this act. For each individual record looked up, the secretary of state shall charge a fee specified annually by the legislature, or if the legislature does not specify a fee, a market-based price established by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall process a commercial look-up request only if the request is in a form or format as prescribed by the secretary of state. Fees collected under this subsection on and after October 1, 2005 through October 1, 2019 shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.810b.

(2) The secretary of state shall establish and maintain a computerized central file of the information contained on application forms received under this act. The computerized central file shall be interfaced with the law enforcement information network as provided in the C.J.I.S. policy council act, 1974 PA 163, MCL 28.211 to 28.215.

(3) Except as provided in section 10(2), the secretary of state shall not provide an entire computerized central file or other file of records maintained under this act to a nongovernmental person or entity, unless the purchaser pays the prescribed fee for each individual record contained within the computerized file.

**History:** Add. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997;—Am. 2005, Act 172, Imd. Eff. Oct. 12, 2005;—Am. 2009, Act 101, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2009;—Am. 2011, Act 158, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011;—Am. 2015, Act 72, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015.

### **28.298 Disclosure of personal information; uses.**

Sec. 8. (1) Except as provided in this section and in section 10, personal information in a record maintained under this act shall not be disclosed, unless the person requesting the information furnishes proof of identity

satisfactory to the secretary of state and certifies that the personal information requested will be used for a permissible purpose identified in this section or in section 10. Highly restricted personal information shall be used and disclosed only as expressly permitted in section 2 or in another applicable provision of law.

(2) Personal information in a record maintained under this act shall be disclosed by the secretary of state if required to carry out the purposes of a specified federal law. As used in this section, "specified federal law" means the automobile information disclosure act, 15 USC 1231 to 1233, the former motor vehicle information and cost savings act, Public Law 92-513, the former national traffic and motor vehicle safety act of 1966, Public Law 89-563, the anti-car theft act of 1992, Public Law 102-519, the clean air act, chapter 360, 69 Stat. 322, and all federal regulations promulgated to implement these federal laws.

(3) Personal information in a record maintained under this act may be disclosed by the secretary of state as follows:

(a) For use by a federal, state, or local governmental agency, including a court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out the agency's functions, or by a private person or entity acting on behalf of a governmental agency in carrying out the agency's functions.

(b) For use in connection with matters of motor vehicle and driver safety or auto theft; motor vehicle emissions; motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories; performance monitoring of motor vehicles; motor vehicle market research activities, including survey research; and the removal of nonowner records from the original records of motor vehicle manufacturers.

(c) For use in the normal course of business by a legitimate business, including the agents, employees, and contractors of the business, but only to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual to the business or its agents, employees, or contractors, and if the information as so submitted is no longer correct, to obtain the correct information, for the sole purpose of preventing fraud by pursuing legal remedies against, or recovering on a debt against, the individual.

(d) For use in connection with a civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceeding in a federal, state, or local court or governmental agency or before a self-regulatory body, including use for service of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation, and the execution or enforcement of judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of a federal, state, or local court, an administrative agency, or a self-regulatory body.

(e) For use in legitimate research activities and in preparing statistical reports for commercial, scholarly, or academic purposes by a bona fide research organization, if the personal information is not published, redisclosed, or used to contact individuals.

(f) For use by an insurer or insurance support organization, or by a self-insured entity, or its agents, employees, or contractors, in connection with claims investigating activity, antifraud activity, rating, or underwriting.

(g) For use in providing notice to the owner of an abandoned, towed, or impounded vehicle.

(h) For use either by a private detective or private investigator licensed under the private detective license act, 1965 PA 285, MCL 338.821 to 338.851, or by a private security guard agency or alarm system contractor licensed under the private security business and security alarm act, 1968 PA 330, MCL 338.1051 to 338.1083, only for a purpose permitted under this section.

(i) For use by an employer, or the employer's agent or insurer, to obtain or verify information relating either to the holder of a commercial driver license that is required under the commercial motor vehicle safety act of 1986, Public Law 99-570, or to the holder of a chauffeur's license that is required under chapter 3 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to 257.329.

(j) For use by a car rental business, or its employees, agents, contractors, or service firms, for the purpose of making rental decisions.

(k) For use by a news medium in the preparation and dissemination of a report related in part or in whole to the operation of a motor vehicle or public safety. "News medium" includes a newspaper, a magazine or periodical published at regular intervals, a news service, a broadcast network, a television station, a radio station, a cablecaster, or an entity employed by any of the foregoing.

(l) For any use by an individual requesting information pertaining to himself or herself or requesting in writing that the secretary of state provide information pertaining to himself or herself to the individual's designee. A request for disclosure to a designee, however, may be submitted only by the individual.

(4) Copies or images of source documents retained by the secretary of state under section 1 of this act and section 5 of the enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act, MCL 28.305, may be used and disclosed for the purposes of subsection (3)(a) and (l).

**History:** Add. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997;—Am. 2008, Act 32, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 2008.

## **28.299 Resale or redisclosure of information; duties of recipient.**

Sec. 9. (1) An authorized recipient of personal information disclosed under section 8 may resell or



redisclose the information only for a use permitted under section 8.

(2) An authorized recipient of personal information disclosed under section 8 who resells or rediscloses the information shall do both of the following:

(a) Make and keep for a period of not less than 5 years records identifying each person who received personal information from the authorized recipient and the permitted use for which it was obtained.

(b) Allow a representative of the secretary of state, upon request, to inspect and copy records identifying each person who received personal information from the authorized recipient and the permitted use for which it was obtained.

**History:** Add. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997.

### **28.299a Application for official state identification card; examination and determination.**

Sec. 9a. The department shall examine and determine the genuineness, regularity, and legality of every application for an official state identification card, and may in all cases make investigation as the department considers necessary or require additional information. The department shall reject any application for an official state identification card if not satisfied of the genuineness, regularity, or legality of the application or the truth of any statement contained in the application, or for any other reason when authorized by law.

**History:** Add. 2008, Act 32, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 2008.

### **28.300 Furnishing list of information to federal, state, or local governmental agency; contract for sale of lists of records; surveys, marketing, and solicitations; insertion of safeguard in agreement or contract; duties of recipient of personal information; disclosure of list based on driving behavior or sanctions.**

Sec. 10. (1) Upon request, the secretary of state may furnish a list of information from the records of the department maintained under this act to a federal, state, or local governmental agency for use in carrying out the agency's functions, or to a private person or entity acting on behalf of a governmental agency for use in carrying out the agency's functions. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the secretary of state may charge the requesting agency a preparation fee to cover the cost of preparing and furnishing a list provided under this subsection if the cost of preparation exceeds \$25.00, and use the revenues received from the service to defray necessary expenses. If the secretary of state sells a list of information under this subsection to a member of the state legislature, the secretary of state shall charge the same fee as the fee for the sale of information under subsection (2) unless the list of information is requested by the member of the legislature to carry out a legislative function. The secretary of state may require the requesting agency to furnish 1 or more blank computer tapes, cartridges, or other electronic media and may require the agency to execute a written memorandum of agreement as a condition of obtaining a list of information under this subsection.

(2) The secretary of state may contract for the sale of lists of records maintained under this act in bulk, in addition to those lists distributed at cost or at no cost under this section, for any of the purposes permitted under section 8(3). The secretary of state shall require each purchaser of information in bulk to execute a written purchase contract. The secretary of state shall fix a market-based price for the sale of lists of bulk information, which may include personal information. The proceeds from each sale shall be used by the secretary of state to defray the costs of list preparation and for other necessary or related expenses.

(3) The secretary of state or any other state agency shall not sell or furnish any list of information under subsection (2) for the purpose of surveys, marketing, and solicitations. The secretary of state shall ensure that personal information disclosed in bulk will be used, rented, or sold solely for uses permitted under this act.

(4) The secretary of state may insert any safeguard the secretary considers reasonable or necessary, including a bond requirement, in a memorandum of agreement or purchase contract executed under this section, to ensure that the information provided or sold is used only for a permissible use and that the rights of individuals and of the department are protected.

(5) An authorized recipient of personal information disclosed under this section who resells or rediscloses the information for any of the permissible purposes described in section 8(3) shall do both of the following:

(a) Make and keep for a period of not less than 5 years records identifying each person who received personal information from the authorized recipient and the permitted purpose for which it was obtained.

(b) Allow a representative of the secretary of state, upon request, to inspect and copy records identifying each person who received personal information from the authorized recipient and the permitted purpose for which it was obtained.

(6) The secretary of state shall not disclose a list based on driving behavior or sanctions to a nongovernmental agency, including an individual.

**History:** Add. 1997, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Aug. 7, 1997;—Am. 2000, Act 193, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001.