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House Bill 4203 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Greg Pitoniak
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to:

- Permit a vehicle owner or lessee to obtain a full refund for a renewal registration plate or tab if the owner provided satisfactory proof of certain conditions.
- Exempt a converter gear and pull-dolly from the Code's registration and titling requirements.
- Add wreckers and buses engaged in interstate commerce to the vehicles for which a registration fee may be apportioned under the International Registration Plan.

The Code specifies circumstances under which owners of vehicles required to be registered may return the registration plates or tabs to the Secretary of State and receive either a total or partial refund. The bill also provides that, after receiving the renewal registration plate or tab issued for a registered vehicle, an owner or lessee of that vehicle could apply for and obtain from the Secretary of State a full renewal registration plate or tab refund if he or she provided satisfactory proof that all of the following applied:

- The vehicle met at least one of the following conditions: it had been stolen and had not been recovered; its ownership was transferred or assigned; it had been registered in error as part of a fleet and had never been intended to be used in a fleet; or, its lease was canceled.
- One of the above conditions was met before the 12-month renewal period began.
- The renewal registration period was for 12 months only.
- The owner or lessee returned the registration plate or tab to the Secretary of State within 30 days after the vehicle met at least one of the conditions specified above. If the plate or tab had been issued under the Code's provisions on the International Registration Plan for trucks, truck tractors, or road tractors engaged in interstate commerce, a refund could not exceed the total amount of the Michigan apportioned fees assessed for the plate or tab.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have minimal fiscal impact on the Michigan Transportation Fund. The Department of State estimates that the bill would result in approximately 10 additional refund requests annually.

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