

# HOUSE BILL No. 5008

July 17, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Huizenga, Hummel, Kooiman, Anderson, Stahl, DeRoche, Spade, Bisbee, Emmons, Woronchak, DeRossett, Caul, Pappageorge, Voorhees, Shaffer, Robertson, Palmer, Ward, Sheen, Hager, Wenke, Middaugh, Caswell, Palsrok, Ehardt, Hoogendyk, Brandenburg, Meyer, Acciavatti, Milosch, Tobocman, Gleason and Elkins and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 2002  
PA 642.

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

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

6           (a) A commercial vehicle except for a commercial vehicle  
7 issued a registration under the international registration plan  
8 or a pickup truck or van owned by an individual.

9           (b) Except for a trailer or semitrailer issued a registration  
10 under the international registration plan, a trailer or

1 semitrailer owned by a business, corporation, or person other  
2 than an individual; or a pole trailer.

3 ~~(2) The expiration date for a registration issued for a~~  
4 ~~motorcycle is March 31.~~

5 (2) ~~-(3)-~~ The expiration date for a registration bearing the  
6 letters "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

7 (3) ~~-(4)-~~ In the case of a vehicle owned by a business,  
8 corporation, or an owner other than an individual, the secretary  
9 of state may assign or reassign the expiration date of the  
10 registration.

11 (4) ~~-(5)-~~ The secretary of state shall do all of the  
12 following:

13 (a) After the October 1 immediately preceding the year  
14 designated on the registration, issue a registration upon  
15 application and payment of the proper fee for a commercial  
16 vehicle, other than a pickup or van owned by an individual; or a  
17 trailer owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an  
18 individual.

19 (b) Beginning 60 days before the expiration date assigned on  
20 an international registration plan registration plate, issue a  
21 registration under section 801g upon application and payment of  
22 the proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in  
23 interstate commerce.

24 (c) After the February 14 immediately preceding the year  
25 designated on a registration, issue a registration upon  
26 application and payment of the proper fee for a motorcycle.

27 (d) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday and 120

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

10       (5) ~~-(6)-~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
11 the secretary of state, upon application and payment of the  
12 proper fee, shall issue a registration for a vehicle to a  
13 resident that shall expire on the owner's birthday. If the  
14 owner's next birthday is at least 6 months but not more than 12  
15 months in the future, the owner shall receive a registration  
16 valid until the owner's next birthday. If the owner's next  
17 birthday is less than 6 months in the future, the owner shall  
18 receive a registration valid until the owner's birthday following  
19 the owner's next birthday. The tax required under this act for a  
20 registration described in this subsection shall bear the same  
21 relationship to the tax required under section 801 for a 12-month  
22 registration as the length of time of the registration bears to  
23 12 months. Partial months shall be considered as whole months in  
24 the calculation of the required tax and in the determination of  
25 the length of time between the application for a registration and  
26 the owner's next birthday. The tax required for that  
27 registration shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in

1 section 801.

2       (6) ~~-(7)-~~ A certificate of title shall remain valid until  
3 canceled by the secretary of state for cause or upon a transfer  
4 of an interest shown on the certificate of title.

5       (7) ~~-(8)-~~ The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue  
6 special registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months  
7 after the date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds  
8 \$50.00, on the payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a  
9 service charge as enumerated in section 802(1).

10       (8) ~~-(9)-~~ The secretary of state may issue a special  
11 registration for each of the following:

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

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

26       (9) ~~-(10)-~~ A special registration issued under subsection  
27 ~~-(9)-~~ (8) is valid for not more than 14 days after the date of

1 issuance, and a fee shall be collected for each special  
2 registration as provided in section 802(3). The special  
3 registration may be in the form determined by the secretary of  
4 state. If a dealer makes a retail sale or lease of a vehicle to  
5 a purchaser or lessee who is qualified and eligible to obtain a  
6 special registration, the dealer shall apply for the special  
7 registration for the purchaser or lessee. If a person other than  
8 a dealer sells or leases a vehicle to a purchaser or lessee who  
9 is qualified and eligible to obtain a special registration, the  
10 purchaser or lessee shall appear in person, or by a person  
11 exercising the purchaser's or lessee's power of attorney, at an  
12 office of the secretary of state and furnish a certification that  
13 the person is the bona fide purchaser or lessee or that the  
14 person has granted the power of attorney, together with other  
15 forms required for the issuance of the special registration and  
16 provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is  
17 covered by a Michigan no-fault insurance policy issued pursuant  
18 to section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218,  
19 MCL 500.3101, or proof that the vehicle is covered by a policy of  
20 insurance issued by an insurer pursuant to section 3163 of the  
21 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3163. The  
22 certification required in this subsection shall contain all of  
23 the following:

- 24 (a) The address of the purchaser or lessee.  
25 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased or leased for  
26 registration outside of this state.  
27 (c) A statement that the vehicle shall be primarily used,

1 stored, and registered outside of this state.

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

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

5 **(10)** ~~-(11)-~~ Upon request, the secretary of state may issue a  
6 registration valid for 6 months after the date of issuance for  
7 use on a trailer or semitrailer weighing 1,500 pounds or less and  
8 that is used for recreational purposes, upon payment of 1/2 the  
9 full registration fee imposed under section 801(1)(l).

10 **(11)** ~~-(12)-~~ In the case of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or  
11 semitrailer issued a registration under the international  
12 registration plan, the secretary of state in mutual agreement  
13 with the owner may assign or reassign the expiration date of the  
14 registration. However, the expiration date agreed to shall be  
15 either March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31. Renewals  
16 expiring on or after September 30, 1993 shall be for a minimum of  
17 at least 12 months if there is a change in the established  
18 expiration date.

19 **(12)** ~~-(13)-~~ The expiration date for a multiyear registration  
20 issued for a leased vehicle shall be the date the lease expires  
21 but shall not be for a period longer than 24 months.