

HOUSE BILL No. 5607

January 24, 2006, Introduced by Rep. LaJoy and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 224 (MCL 257.224), as amended by 1995 PA 129.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 224. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act
2 regarding tabs or stickers, upon registering a vehicle, the
3 secretary of state shall issue to the owner 1 registration plate.

4 (2) A registration plate shall display the registration number
5 assigned to the vehicle for which the registration plate is issued;
6 the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and when the
7 registration plate expires, which may be shown by a tab or sticker
8 furnished by the secretary of state.

9 (3) A registration plate issued for motor vehicles owned and
10 operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a

1 privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department; or a
2 nonpublic, nonprofit college or university of this state shall not
3 expire at any particular time but shall be renewed when the
4 registration plate is worn out or is illegible. This registration
5 plate shall be assigned upon proper application and payment of the
6 applicable fee and may be used on any eligible vehicle titled to
7 the applicant if a written record is kept of the vehicles upon
8 which the registration plate is used. The written record shall
9 state the time the registration plate is used on a particular
10 vehicle. The record shall be open to inspection by a law
11 enforcement officer or a representative of the secretary of state.

12 (4) A registration plate issued for a vehicle owned by the
13 civil air patrol as organized under ~~sections 1 to 8, chapter 527,~~
14 ~~60 Stat. 346 to 347, 36 U.S.C.~~ **36 USC** 201 to 208; a vehicle owned
15 by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment for
16 providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; an emergency
17 support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and
18 operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable
19 organization; a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans
20 center; a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or
21 ship's body which is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and
22 used exclusively in parades and civic events; a vehicle owned and
23 operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a federally recognized
24 nonprofit conservation organization until December 31, 2000; a
25 motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior citizen center; and a
26 registration plate issued for buses including station wagons,
27 carryalls, or similarly constructed vehicles owned and operated by

1 a nonprofit parents' transportation corporation used for school
2 purposes, parochial school, society, church Sunday school, or other
3 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit
4 rehabilitation facility shall be issued upon proper application and
5 payment of the applicable ~~fee~~ **TAX** provided in section 801(1)(g)
6 or (h) to the applicant for the vehicle identified in the
7 application. The vehicle shall be used exclusively for activities
8 of the school or organization and shall be designated by proper
9 signs showing the school or organization operating the vehicle. The
10 registration plate shall expire on December 31 in the fifth year
11 following the date of issuance. The registration plate may be
12 transferred to another vehicle upon proper application and payment
13 of a \$10.00 transfer fee.

14 **(5) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT**
15 **TRANSFER A STANDARD DESIGN BEADS ON PAINT REGISTRATION PLATE OR**
16 **ISSUE A REGISTRATION TAB OR STICKER FOR THAT LICENSE, BUT SHALL**
17 **REPLACE THE PLATE WITH A NEW STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION PLATE**
18 **THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT. THE DEPARTMENT**
19 **SHALL REPLACE ALL PLATES SUBJECT TO REPLACEMENT UNDER THIS**
20 **SUBSECTION BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008. THE REPLACEMENT PLATES SHALL BE**
21 **OF A COMMON COLOR SCHEME AND DESIGN THAT IS CLEARLY VISIBLE AT**
22 **NIGHT.**

23 **(6) ~~(5)~~** The registration plate and the required letters and
24 numerals on the registration plate shall be of sufficient size to
25 be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.
26 The secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the
27 month and year of expiration.

1 (7) ~~-(6)-~~ The secretary of state shall issue for every
2 passenger motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
3 registration plate as the type of registration plate issued for
4 private passenger vehicles.

5 (8) ~~-(7)-~~ A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public
6 highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate
7 other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the
8 secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for
9 nonresidents, and by assignment provided in subsection (3).

10 (9) ~~-(8)-~~ The registration plate displayed on a vehicle
11 registered on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the
12 elected gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.