

SENATE BILL No. 1556

November 5, 2008, Introduced by Senators KAHN, PAPPAGEORGE, BIRKHOLZ, PATTERSON, OLSHOVE, BARCIA and ALLEN 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 2006 PA 177.

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

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

13 (4) A registration plate issued for a vehicle owned by the
14 civil air patrol as organized under 36 USC 201 to 208; a vehicle
15 owned by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment
16 for 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 tax provided in section 801(1)(g) or (h)
6 to the applicant for the vehicle identified in the application. The
7 vehicle shall be used exclusively for activities of the school or
8 organization and shall be designated by proper signs showing the
9 school or organization operating the vehicle. The registration
10 plate shall expire on December 31 in the fifth year following the
11 date of issuance. The registration plate may be transferred to
12 another vehicle upon proper application and payment of a \$10.00
13 transfer fee.

14 (5) ~~Beginning January 1, 2007, the~~ **THE** department shall not
15 issue or transfer a standard design beads on paint registration
16 plate or issue a registration tab or sticker for that plate, but
17 shall offer a new standard design registration plate that complies
18 with the requirements of this act **AND AN "I BELIEVE" REGISTRATION**
19 **PLATE**. The new standard design registration plate **AND THE "I**
20 **BELIEVE" REGISTRATION PLATE** shall be of a common color scheme and
21 design that is made of fully reflectorized material and shall be
22 clearly visible at night. The implementation of this subsection is
23 contingent upon appropriations sufficient to cover the costs to the
24 department of designing, manufacturing, distributing, and issuing
25 the new standard design registration plate. The secretary of state
26 shall file a written report with the secretary of the senate and
27 the clerk of the house of representatives of the costs incurred and

1 revenue expended to meet the requirements of this subsection within
2 30 days after all of the standard design beads on paint
3 registration plates to be replaced under this subsection have been
4 replaced.

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

10 (7) The secretary of state shall issue for every passenger
11 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of registration
12 plate as the type of registration plate issued for private
13 passenger vehicles.

14 (8) A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public
15 highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate
16 other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the
17 secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for
18 nonresidents, and by assignment provided in subsection (3).

19 (9) The registration plate displayed on a vehicle registered
20 on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the elected
21 gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.