

**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 300 of 1949**

**257.805 Application for issuance or renewal of motor vehicle registration or replacement registration tab or sticker; recreation passport fee; format and language of motor vehicle application; transfer of revenue; adjustment of amounts in subsection (1); annual review; registration tab or sticker; payment as personal information; definitions.**

Sec. 805.

(1) An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration or for a replacement registration tab or sticker may submit a state park and state-operated public boating access site passport fee to the secretary of state with the application. Subject to subsection (7), the amount of the recreation passport fee is as follows:

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c), \$10.00.
- (b) For an individual who obtains a 2-year vehicle registration under section 226(14), \$20.00.
- (c) For a motorcycle, \$5.00.

(2) In addition to the requirements of section 217, an application for a motor vehicle registration must contain at least the following information, in substantially the following format and language, except that the amount of the recreation passport fee specified must be \$20.00 for a vehicle registered for 2 years under section 226(14) and \$5.00 for a motorcycle:

\$[Amount]    " Annual vehicle registration or renewal.

\$10.00       " Annual authorization to use this vehicle for  
unlimited entry into all Michigan state parks  
and recreation areas and DNR-operated state  
boating access sites. (Check one of the  
boxes below.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I elect to pay this \$10.00 fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I elect not to pay this \$10.00 fee.

This vehicle will not be used to enter the  
facilities described above.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_    " Total amount due.

(3) The secretary of state may revise the format and language of an application for motor vehicle registration to reflect the fact that, under sections 74116 and 78119 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.74116 and 324.78119, payment of the recreation passport fee authorizes entry into all state parks and recreation areas and designated state-operated public boating access sites until expiration of the motor vehicle registration.

(4) If the applicant applies by mail and, in addition to the registration fee, the applicant pays an amount equal to the recreation passport fee, the applicant shall be considered to have elected to pay the recreation passport fee regardless of whether such an election is indicated on the application.

(5) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to any of the following:

- (a) An application submitted by a dealer under section 217 for a vehicle sold, leased, or exchanged by the dealer.
- (b) The issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration described in section 803e(1) and exempt under section 803e(6) from the registration tax or the issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration described in section 217d or 803f.

(6) The secretary of state shall, at least monthly, transfer the revenue from recreation passport fees to the department of natural resources for deposit as provided in section 2045 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.2045.

(7) For each calendar year, the state treasurer shall adjust the amounts set forth in subsection (1) by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from October 1, 2010 to the October 1 immediately preceding that calendar year, using the most recent data available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

(8) The legislature shall annually review the amount of revenue raised by the recreation passport fee to ensure that the amount is appropriate for the purposes for which the recreation passport fee is assessed and in compliance with law.

(9) If the secretary of state issues a registration tab or sticker for a registration plate or personalized registration plate under section 224 or 803b for a motor vehicle that had a recreation passport fee paid under this section, the tab or sticker must be marked in a distinctive manner determined by the secretary of state after consultation with

the director of the department of natural resources and the department of state police. Before discontinuing the issuance of a registration tab or sticker, the secretary of state shall consult with the director of the department of natural resources and establish an alternative method or procedure the department of natural resources can use to determine whether a recreation passport fee has been paid for a motor vehicle.

(10) Whether or not an individual paid or indicated that he or she elected to pay or not to pay a recreation passport fee under this section is personal information for purposes of section 40b.

(11) As used in this section:

(a) "Consumer Price Index" means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for this state from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(b) "Motor vehicle" does not include a commercial motor vehicle.

(c) "Recreation passport fee" means the state park and state-operated public boating access site recreation passport fee as provided for in subsection (1).

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**Compiler's Notes:** Former MCL 257.805, which pertained to disposition of registration, special, and duplicate fees, was repealed by Act 51 of 1951, Eff. June 1, 1951.