

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5691**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 244 (MCL 257.244), as amended by 2013 PA 231.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 244. (1) A manufacturer owning a vehicle ~~of a type~~
2 otherwise required to be registered under this act may operate or
3 move the vehicle upon a street or highway primarily ~~for the~~
4 ~~purposes of transporting to transport~~ or ~~testing test~~ or in
5 connection with a golf tournament or a public civic event, if the
6 vehicle displays, ~~in the manner as~~ prescribed in section 225, 1
7 special plate approved by the secretary of state.

8 (2) A producer of a vehicle subcomponent system essential to
9 the operation of the vehicle or the safety of an occupant may



1 operate or move a motor vehicle upon a street or highway solely to
2 transport or test the subcomponent system if the motor vehicle
3 displays, ~~in the manner as~~ prescribed in section 225, 1 special
4 plate approved by the secretary of state. To be eligible for the
5 special plate, the subcomponent system producer must be either a
6 recognized subcomponent system producer or must be a subcomponent
7 system producer under contract with a vehicle manufacturer.

8 (3) Subject to section 665, a manufacturer of automated
9 technology may operate or otherwise move a motor vehicle or an
10 automated motor vehicle upon a street or highway solely to
11 transport or test automated technology if the motor vehicle or
12 automated motor vehicle displays, ~~in the manner as~~ prescribed in
13 section 225, a special plate approved by the secretary of state.

14 (4) A dealer owning a vehicle ~~of a type~~ otherwise required to
15 be registered under this act may operate or move the vehicle upon a
16 street or highway without registering the vehicle if the vehicle
17 displays, ~~in the manner as~~ prescribed in section 225, 1 special
18 plate issued to the owner by the secretary of state. As used in
19 this subsection, "dealer" includes an employee, servant, or agent
20 of the dealer.

21 (5) ~~Solely to deliver the vehicle, a~~ **A** transporter may operate
22 or move a vehicle of a type otherwise required to be registered
23 under this act upon a street or highway **solely to deliver the**
24 **vehicle** if the vehicle displays, ~~in the manner as~~ prescribed in
25 section 225, a special plate issued to the transporter under this
26 chapter.

27 (6) A licensee shall not use a special plate described in this
28 section on service cars or wreckers operated as an adjunct of a
29 licensee's business. A manufacturer, transporter, or dealer making



1 or permitting any unauthorized use of a special plate under this
 2 chapter forfeits the right to use special plates and the secretary
 3 of state, after notice and a hearing, may suspend or cancel the
 4 right to use special plates and require that the special plates be
 5 surrendered to or repossessed by ~~the~~**this** state.

6 (7) A transporter shall furnish a sufficient surety bond or
 7 policy of insurance as protection for public liability and property
 8 damage as may be required by the secretary of state.

9 (8) The secretary of state shall determine the number of
 10 plates a manufacturer, dealer, or transporter reasonably needs in
 11 ~~his or her~~**its** business.

12 (9) If a vehicle that is required to be registered under this
 13 act is leased or sold, the vendee or lessee ~~is permitted to~~**may**
 14 operate the vehicle upon a street or highway for not more than 72
 15 hours after taking possession if the vehicle has a dealer plate
 16 attached as provided in this section. The application for
 17 registration ~~shall~~**must** be made in the name of the vendee or lessee
 18 before the vehicle is used. The dealer and the vendee or lessee are
 19 jointly responsible for the return of the dealer plate to the
 20 dealer within 72 hours. ~~, and the failure of the~~**The** vendee or
 21 lessee **that fails** to return or the vendor or lessor **that fails** to
 22 use due diligence to procure the dealer plate is ~~a misdemeanor,~~
 23 **responsible for a civil infraction** and ~~in addition~~ the license of
 24 the dealer may be revoked. While using a dealer's plate, a vendee
 25 or lessee shall have in his or her possession proof that clearly
 26 indicates the date of sale or lease of the motor vehicle.

27 (10) A vehicle owned by a dealer and bearing the dealer's
 28 plate may be driven upon a street or highway for demonstration
 29 purposes by a prospective buyer or lessee for a period of 72 hours.



1 (11) The secretary of state may issue a registration plate
2 upon application and payment of the proper fee to an individual,
3 partnership, corporation, or association that in the ordinary
4 course of business has occasion to legally pick up or deliver a
5 commercial motor vehicle being driven to a facility to undergo
6 aftermarket modification, or to repair or service a vehicle, or to
7 persons defined as watercraft dealers under part 801 of the natural
8 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL
9 324.80101 to 324.80199, or to the owner of a marina ~~for the purpose~~
10 ~~of delivering to deliver~~ a vessel or trailer to a purchaser, to
11 transport a vessel between a body of water and a place of storage,
12 to transport a vessel or trailer to and from a boat show or
13 exposition, to repair, service, or store a vessel or trailer, or to
14 return a vessel or trailer to the customer after repair, service,
15 or storage. A registration plate issued under this subsection ~~shall~~
16 **must** be used to move the vehicle or trailer.

17 (12) **A person who violates this section is responsible for a**
18 **civil infraction.**

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
20 unless House Bill No. 5802 of the 100th Legislature is enacted into
21 law.

