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Introduced by Senators Rogers, Schwarz, Hammerstrom, Steil, Hoffman, Sikkema, Stille, Goschka and Shugars

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 306

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending sections 307, 315, and 319 (MCL 257.307, 257.315, and 257.319), section 307 as amended by 1998 PA 330 and section 319 as amended by 1998 PA 347, and by adding section 50a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 50a. "Residence address" means the place that is the settled or permanent home or domicile at which a person resides as defined in section 11 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.11.

Sec. 307. (1) An application for an operator's or chauffeur's license shall be made in a manner prescribed by the secretary of state and shall contain all of the following:

(a) The applicant's full name, date of birth, residence address, height, sex, eye color, signature, other information required or permitted on the license under this chapter, and, to the extent required to comply with federal law, the applicant's social security number. The applicant may provide a mailing address if the applicant receives mail at an address different from his or her residence address.

(b) The following notice shall be included to inform the applicant that under sections 509o and 509r of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.509o and 168.509r, the secretary of state is required to use the residence address provided on this application as the applicant's residence address on the qualified voter file for voter registration and voting:

“NOTICE: Michigan law requires that the same address be used for voter registration and driver license purposes. Therefore, if the residence address you provide in this application differs from your voter registration address as it appears on the qualified voter file, the secretary of state will automatically change your voter registration to match the residence address on this application, after which your voter registration at your former address will no longer be valid for voting purposes. A new voter registration card, containing the information of your polling place, will be provided to you by the clerk of the jurisdiction where your residence address is located.”.

(c) For an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle group designation or indorsement, the following certifications by the applicant:

(i) The applicant meets the applicable federal physical driver qualification requirements under 49 C.F.R. part 391 if the applicant operates or intends to operate in interstate commerce or meets the applicable physical qualifications under the rules promulgated by the department of state police under the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.22, if the applicant operates or intends to operate in intrastate commerce.

(ii) The vehicle in which the applicant will take the driving skills tests is representative of the type of vehicle the applicant operates or intends to operate.

(iii) The applicant has not been convicted of an offense as described in section 312f or 319b.

(iv) The applicant does not have a driver's license from more than 1 state.

(d) For an operator's or chauffeur's license with a vehicle group designation or indorsement and for which the applicant claims a waiver of the driving test as provided in section 312f, the following additional certifications by the applicant concerning the 2-year period immediately before application:

(i) The applicant has not had more than 1 license.

(ii) The applicant has not had any license suspended, revoked, or canceled.

(iii) The applicant has not been convicted of any offense described in section 319b while operating a motor vehicle.

(iv) The applicant has not been convicted of a moving violation under state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control arising in connection with a traffic accident.

(v) The applicant is regularly employed in a job requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

(vi) The applicant qualifies under either of the following:

(A) He or she has passed a behind-the-wheel driving test given by a state with a commercial motor vehicle driver licensing and testing system and taken in a representative vehicle for that applicant's driver's license vehicle group designation.

(B) For at least 2 years immediately preceding application, the applicant has operated a vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle group or passenger vehicle for which he or she is applying. The applicant's employer or the applicant, if self-employed, shall provide evidence of this requirement.

(2) Except as provided in this subsection, an applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's license may have his or her image captured or reproduced when the application for the license is made. An applicant required under section 5a of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.725a, to maintain a valid operator's or chauffeur's license or official state personal identification card shall have his or her image captured or reproduced when the application for the license is made. The secretary of state shall acquire by purchase or lease the equipment for capturing the images and may furnish the equipment to a local unit authorized by the secretary of state to license drivers. The secretary of state shall acquire equipment purchased or leased pursuant to this section under standard purchasing procedures of the department of management and budget based on standards and specifications established by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall not purchase or lease equipment until an appropriation for the equipment has been made by the legislature. An image captured pursuant to this section shall appear on the applicant's operator's or chauffeur's license. Except as provided in this subsection, the secretary of state may retain and use a person's image described in this subsection only for programs administered by the secretary of state. Except as provided in this subsection, the secretary of state shall not use a person's image unless the person grants written permission for that purpose to the secretary of state or specific enabling legislation permitting the use is enacted into law. A law enforcement agency of this state has access to information retained by the secretary of state under this subsection. The information may be utilized for any law enforcement purpose unless otherwise prohibited by law. The department of state police shall provide to the secretary of state updated lists of persons required to be registered under the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.721 to 28.732, and the secretary of state shall make the images of those persons available to the department of state police as provided in that act.

(3) An application shall contain a signature and certification by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the proper fee. The examiner shall collect the application fee and shall forward the fee to the secretary of state with the application.

The secretary of state shall refund the application fee to the applicant if the license applied for is denied, but shall not refund the fee to an applicant who fails to complete the examination requirements of the secretary of state within 90 days after the date of application for a license. Until January 1, 2002, a service fee of \$1.00 shall be added to each fee collected for an original, renewal, duplicate, or corrected operator's or chauffeur's license. The service fee received and collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund. The service fee shall be used to defray the expenses of the secretary of state. Appropriations from the Michigan transportation fund shall not be used to compensate the secretary of state for costs incurred and services performed under this section.

(4) In conjunction with the issuance of an operator's or chauffeur's license, the secretary of state shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide the applicant with all of the following:

(i) Written information explaining the applicant's right to make an anatomical gift in the event of death in accordance with section 310.

(ii) Written information describing the organ donation registry program maintained by Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization or its successor organization. The written information required under this subparagraph shall include, in a type size and format that is conspicuous in relation to the surrounding material, the address and telephone number of Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization or its successor organization, along with an advisory to call Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization or its successor organization with questions about the organ donor registry program.

(iii) Written information giving the applicant the opportunity to be placed on the organ donation registry described in subparagraph (ii).

(b) Provide the applicant with the opportunity to specify on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license that he or she is willing to make an anatomical gift in the event of death in accordance with section 310.

(c) Inform the applicant in writing that, if he or she indicates to the secretary of state under this section a willingness to have his or her name placed on the organ donor registry described in subdivision (a)(ii), the secretary of state will forward the applicant's name and address to the organ donation registry maintained by Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization or its successor organization, as required by subsection (6).

(5) The secretary of state may fulfill the requirements of subsection (4) by 1 or more of the following methods:

(a) Providing printed material enclosed with a mailed notice for an operator's or chauffeur's license renewal or the issuance of an operator's or chauffeur's license.

(b) Providing printed material to an applicant who personally appears at a secretary of state branch office.

(c) Through electronic information transmittals for operator's and chauffeur's licenses processed by electronic means.

(6) If an applicant indicates a willingness under this section to have his or her name placed on the organ donor registry described in subsection (4)(a)(ii), the secretary of state shall within 10 days forward the applicant's name and address to the organ donor registry maintained by Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization or its successor organization. The secretary of state may forward information under this subsection by mail or by electronic means. The secretary of state shall not maintain a record of the name or address of an individual who indicates a willingness to have his or her name placed on the organ donor registry after forwarding that information to the organ donor registry under this subsection. Information about an applicant's indication of a willingness to have his or her name placed on the organ donor registry that is obtained by the secretary of state under subsection (4) and forwarded under this subsection is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, pursuant to section 13(1)(d) of the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.243.

(7) If an application is received from a person previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the secretary of state shall request a copy of the applicant's driving record and other available information from the other jurisdiction. When received, the driving record and other available information from the other jurisdiction becomes a part of the driver's record in this state with the same force and effect as if it had been entered on the driver's record in this state in the original instance. If the application is for an original, renewal, or change of a vehicle group designation or indorsement, the secretary of state shall also check the applicant's driving record with the national drivers register and the United States department of transportation before issuing that group designation or indorsement.

(8) Except for a vehicle group designation or indorsement or as provided in this subsection, the secretary of state may issue a renewal operator's or chauffeur's license for 1 additional 4-year period by mail or by other methods prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall issue a renewal license only in person if the licensee has a driving record with a conviction or civil infraction determination obtained in the 48 months preceding renewal or if the person is a person required under section 5a of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.725a, to maintain a valid operator's or chauffeur's license or official state personal identification card. However, the secretary of state shall not refuse to issue a renewal license by mail or by other method because of a conviction or civil infraction determination for which fines and costs were waived under section 901a or section 907. If a license is renewed by mail

or by other method, the secretary of state shall issue evidence of renewal to indicate the date the license expires in the future. The department of state police shall provide to the secretary of state updated lists of persons required under section 5a of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.725a, to maintain a valid operator's or chauffeur's license or official state personal identification card.

(9) Upon request, the secretary of state shall provide an information manual to an applicant explaining how to obtain a vehicle group designation or indorsement. The manual shall contain the information required under 49 C.F.R. part 383.

(10) The secretary of state shall not disclose a social security number obtained under subsection (1) to another person except for use for 1 or more of the following purposes:

(a) Compliance with the commercial motor vehicle safety act of 1986, title XII of Public Law 99-570, 100 Stat. 3207-170, and regulations and state law and rules related to that act.

(b) Through the law enforcement information network, to carry out the purposes of section 466(a) of part D of title IV of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 666, in connection with matters relating to paternity, child support, or overdue child support.

(c) As otherwise required by law.

(11) The secretary of state shall not display a person's social security number on the person's operator's or chauffeur's license.

(12) A requirement under this section to include a social security number on an application does not apply to an applicant who demonstrates he or she is exempt under law from obtaining a social security number or to an applicant who for religious convictions is exempt under law from disclosure of his or her social security number under these circumstances. The secretary of state shall inform the applicant of this possible exemption.

Sec. 315. (1) An operator or chauffeur who changes his or her residence before the expiration of a license granted under this chapter shall immediately notify the secretary of state of his or her new residence address. A change of address notification shall be in a manner prescribed by the secretary of state and may include notification by personally appearing at a branch office of the secretary of state or other location designated by the secretary of state, or a notification by mail, telephone, electronically, by submitting a voter registration application unless the person registers to vote in a city, village, or township that prohibits the operation of motor vehicles by law or ordinance, or by any other means prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall provide the person changing his or her residence address the notice required by section 307(1)(b) that, under sections 509o and 509r of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.509o and 168.509r, the secretary of state is required to use the residence address provided on this change of address application as the person's residence address on the qualified voter file for voter registration and voting. However, a person may submit to the secretary of state a mailing address that is different than his or her residence address.

(2) Upon receiving a change of address notification, the secretary of state shall change the person's driver license record to indicate the new residence address. The secretary of state shall provide the person with a new license or a label or some other mechanism containing the new residence address. Upon receipt of the label or other mechanism, the person shall affix the label or mechanism to his or her operator's or chauffeur's license as prescribed by the secretary of state. If the secretary of state furnished the person with a new license, the person shall destroy his or her old license and replace it with the new license.

(3) If a person fails to report a change of his or her residence address as required under this section and subsequently there is no response to a notice mailed to the residence address shown by the record of the secretary of state or if the person has provided the secretary of state a mailing address different from his or her residence address and there is no response to a notice mailed to that mailing address, the secretary of state may immediately suspend or revoke his or her license. A person who fails to report a change of his or her residence address is responsible for a civil infraction.

(4) A person shall not knowingly report a change of address to the secretary of state for himself or herself that is not his or her residence address. A person shall not knowingly report a change of address to the secretary of state for another person without the consent of the other person. A person who is convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of \$1,000.00, or both. Upon receiving the abstract of a conviction under this subsection, the secretary of state may suspend the person's operator's or chauffeur's license for 6 months. The secretary of state shall not issue a restricted license to the person during the suspension.

(5) Upon a second or subsequent conviction under subsection (4), a person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of \$5,000.00, or both. Upon receiving the abstract of a second or subsequent conviction under subsection (4), the secretary of state shall revoke the person's operator's or chauffeur's license.

(6) The suspension or revocation of an operator's or chauffeur's license under subsection (4) or (5) is not appealable under section 323.

Sec. 319. (1) The secretary of state shall immediately suspend a person's license as provided in this section upon receiving a record of the person's conviction for a crime described in this section, whether the conviction is under a law of this state, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a law of this state, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to a law of this state.

(2) The secretary of state shall suspend the person's license for 1 year for any of the following crimes:

(a) Fraudulently altering or forging documents pertaining to motor vehicles in violation of section 257.

(b) A violation of section 413 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.413.

(c) A violation of section 1 of 1931 PA 214, MCL 752.191.

(d) Failing to stop and disclose identity at the scene of an accident resulting in death or serious injury in violation of section 617.

(e) A felony in which a motor vehicle was used. As used in this section, "felony in which a motor vehicle was used" means a felony during the commission of which the person convicted operated a motor vehicle and while operating the vehicle presented real or potential harm to persons or property and 1 or more of the following circumstances existed:

(i) The vehicle was used as an instrument of the felony.

(ii) The vehicle was used to transport a victim of the felony.

(iii) The vehicle was used to flee the scene of the felony.

(iv) The vehicle was necessary for the commission of the felony.

(f) A violation of section 602a(2) or (3) of this act or section 479a(2) or (3) of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.479a.

(3) The secretary of state shall suspend the person's license for 90 days for any of the following crimes:

(a) Failing to stop and disclose identity at the scene of an accident resulting in injury in violation of section 617a.

(b) Reckless driving in violation of section 626.

(c) Malicious destruction resulting from the operation of a vehicle under section 382(1)(b), (c), or (d) of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.382.

(d) A violation described in section 367c of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.367c.

(e) A violation of section 703(2) of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703.

(4) The secretary of state shall suspend the person's license for 30 days for malicious destruction resulting from the operation of a vehicle under section 382(1)(a) of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.382.

(5) For perjury or making a false certification to the secretary of state under any law requiring the registration of a motor vehicle or regulating the operation of a vehicle on a highway, the secretary shall suspend the person's license as follows:

(a) If the person has no prior conviction for an offense described in this subsection within 7 years, for 90 days.

(b) If the person has 1 or more prior convictions for an offense described in this subsection within 7 years, for 1 year.

(6) For a violation of section 414 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.414, the secretary of state shall suspend the person's license as follows:

(a) If the person has no prior conviction for that offense within 7 years, for 90 days.

(b) If the person has 1 or more prior convictions for that offense within 7 years, for 1 year.

(7) For a violation of section 624a or 624b of this act or section 703(1) of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703, the secretary of state shall suspend the person's license as follows:

(a) If the person has 1 prior conviction for an offense described in this subsection or section 33b(1) of former 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8, for 90 days. The secretary of state may issue the person a restricted license after the first 30 days of suspension.

(b) If the person has 2 or more prior convictions for an offense described in this subsection or section 33b(1) of former 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8, for 1 year. The secretary of state may issue the person a restricted license after the first 60 days of suspension.

(8) The secretary of state shall suspend the person's license for a violation of section 625 or 625m as follows:

(a) For 180 days for a violation of section 625(1) if the person has no prior convictions within 7 years. The secretary of state may issue the person a restricted license during all or a specified portion of the suspension, except that the secretary of state shall not issue a restricted license during the first 30 days of suspension.

(b) For 90 days for a violation of section 625(3) if the person has no prior convictions within 7 years. However, if the person is convicted of a violation of section 625(3), for operating a vehicle when, due to the consumption of a controlled substance or a combination of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance, the person's ability to operate the vehicle was visibly impaired, the secretary of state shall suspend the person's license under this subdivision for 180 days. The secretary of state may issue the person a restricted license during all or a specified portion of the suspension.

(c) For 30 days for a violation of section 625(6) if the person has no prior convictions within 7 years. The secretary of state may issue the person a restricted license during all or a specified portion of the suspension.

(d) For 90 days for a violation of section 625(6) if the person has 1 or more prior convictions within 7 years.

(e) For 180 days for a violation of section 625(7) if the person has no prior convictions within 7 years. The secretary of state may issue the person a restricted license after the first 90 days of suspension.

(f) For 90 days for a violation of section 625m if the person has no prior convictions within 7 years. The secretary of state may issue the person a restricted license during all or a specified portion of the suspension.

(9) For a violation of section 315(4), the secretary of state may suspend the person's license for 6 months and shall revoke the person's license for a second or subsequent conviction as required under section 315(5).

(10) Except as provided in subsection (12), a suspension under this section shall be imposed notwithstanding a court order.

(11) If the secretary of state receives records of more than 1 conviction of a person resulting from the same incident, a suspension shall be imposed only for the violation to which the longest period of suspension applies under this section.

(12) The secretary of state may waive a suspension of a person's license imposed under this act if the person submits proof that a court in another state revoked, suspended, or restricted his or her license for a period equal to or greater than the period of a suspension prescribed under this act for the violation and that the revocation, suspension, or restriction was served for the violation, or may grant a restricted license.

(13) The secretary of state shall not issue a restricted license to a person whose license is suspended under this section unless a restricted license is authorized under this section and the person is otherwise eligible for a license.

(14) The secretary of state shall not issue a restricted license to a person under subsection (8) that would permit the person to operate a commercial motor vehicle that hauls hazardous material.

(15) A restricted license issued under this section shall permit the person to whom it is issued to drive under 1 or more of the following circumstances:

(a) In the course of the person's employment or occupation.

(b) To and from any combination of the following:

(i) The person's residence.

(ii) The person's work location.

(iii) An alcohol or drug education or treatment program as ordered by the court.

(iv) The court probation department.

(v) A court-ordered community service program.

(vi) An educational institution at which the person is enrolled as a student.

(vii) A place of regularly occurring medical treatment for a serious condition for the person or a member of the person's household or immediate family.

(16) While driving, the person shall carry proof of his or her destination and the hours of any employment, class, or other reason for traveling and shall display that proof upon a peace officer's request.

(17) Subject to subsection (19), as used in subsection (8), "prior conviction" means a conviction for any of the following, whether under a law of this state, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a law of this state, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to a law of this state:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (18), a violation or attempted violation of section 625(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7), section 625m, former section 625(1) or (2), or former section 625b.

(b) Negligent homicide, manslaughter, or murder resulting from the operation of a vehicle or an attempt to commit any of those crimes.

(18) Except for purposes of the suspensions described in subsection (8)(c) and (d), only 1 violation or attempted violation of section 625(6), a local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 625(6), or a law of another state substantially corresponding to section 625(6) may be used as a prior conviction.

(19) If 2 or more convictions described in subsection (17) are convictions for violations arising out of the same transaction, only 1 conviction shall be used to determine whether the person has a prior conviction.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April 1, 2000.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Approved _____

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