HOUSE BILL No. 4966

June 21, 2007, Introduced by Rep. LeBlanc and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 803b (MCL 257.803b), as amended by 2004 PA 426.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 803b. (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personalized
- 2 vehicle registration plate which THAT shall be used on the
- 3 passenger motor vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor
- 4 home, hearse, bus, trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is
- 5 issued instead of a standard plate. Personalized plates shall bear
- 6 letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes, BUT NOT
- 7 TO EXCEED 8 CHARACTERS. The secretary of state shall not issue a
- letter combination which THAT might carry a connotation offensive
- 9 to good taste and decency. The personalized plates shall be made of

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- 1 the same material as standard plates. Personalized plates shall not
- 2 be a duplication of another registration plate.
- 3 (2) An application for a personalized registration plate shall
- 4 be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant ACCORDING to
- 5 section 217. Application for an original personalized registration
- 6 plate shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00
- 7 for the first month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional
- 8 month of the registration period in addition to the regular vehicle
- 9 registration fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be
- 10 obtained by requesting that option on the application and paying an
- 11 additional service fee of \$5.00. The original and duplicate service
- 12 fees shall be deposited in the transportation administration
- 13 collection fund created in section 810b. Application for the
- 14 renewal of a personalized registration plate shall be accompanied
- 15 with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to the regular
- 16 vehicle registration fee. The service fee shall be credited to the
- 17 Michigan transportation fund and shall be allocated pursuant
- 18 ACCORDING to section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660. The amount
- 19 allocated to the state trunk line fund shall be used by the state
- 20 transportation department for litter pickup and cleanup on state
- 21 roads and rights of way.
- 22 (3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate
- 23 shall be pursuant ACCORDING to section 226. Upon the issuance or
- 24 renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of
- 25 state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of
- 26 expiration. Upon the renewal of a personalized registration plate,
- 27 the secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for the rear

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- 1 plate designating the next expiration date of the plate. Upon
- 2 renewal, the secretary of state shall not issue the owner a new
- 3 exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate is illegible
- 4 and the owner pays the service fee and registration fee for an
- 5 original personalized registration plate.
- 6 (4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of
- 7 letters and numbers on a personalized plate shall not be given to a
- 8 different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom the
- 9 plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date of the
- 10 plate.
- 11 (5) An applicant who applies for a registration plate under
- 12 section 217d, 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, or 803o is
- 13 eligible to request, and the secretary of state may issue, the
- 14 registration plate with a sequence of letters and numbers otherwise
- 15 authorized under this section.
- 16 (6) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a
- 17 person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a
- 18 personalized plate if the applicant's vehicle registration may
- 19 expire prior to BEFORE receipt of his or her personalized plate.
- 20 The temporary registration shall be valid for not more than 60 days
- 21 after the date of issuance. The temporary permit shall be issued
- 22 without a fee.