

SENATE BILL No. 374

May 10, 2017, Introduced by Senator SCHMIDT 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 2013 PA 179.

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
10 operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a
11 privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department; or a

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

11 (4) A registration plate issued for a vehicle owned by the
12 civil air patrol as organized under 36 USC 201 to 208; a vehicle
13 owned by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment
14 for providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; an emergency
15 support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and
16 operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable
17 organization; a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans
18 center; a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or
19 ship's body which is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and
20 used exclusively in parades and civic events; a vehicle owned and
21 operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a federally recognized
22 nonprofit conservation organization until December 31, 2000; a
23 motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior citizen center; and a
24 registration plate issued for buses including station wagons,
25 carryalls, or similarly constructed vehicles owned and operated by
26 a nonprofit parents' transportation corporation used for school
27 purposes, parochial school, society, church Sunday school, or other

1 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit
2 rehabilitation facility shall be issued upon proper application and
3 payment of the applicable tax provided in section 801(1)(g) or (h)
4 to the applicant for the vehicle identified in the application. The
5 vehicle shall be used exclusively for activities of the school or
6 organization and shall be designated by proper signs showing the
7 school or organization operating the vehicle. The registration
8 plate ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on December 31 in the fifth year
9 following the date of issuance. The registration plate may be
10 transferred to another vehicle upon proper application and payment
11 of a \$10.00 transfer fee.

12 (5) The department shall offer a standard design registration
13 plate that complies with the requirements of this act. The standard
14 design registration plate shall be of a common color scheme and
15 design that is made of fully reflectorized material and ~~shall be~~ **IS**
16 clearly visible at night. **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2018, THE**
17 **DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A DIGITAL PRINTING METHOD TO CREATE ALL**
18 **STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION PLATES. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION,**
19 **"DIGITAL PRINTING METHOD" MEANS A METHOD OF CREATING A REGISTRATION**
20 **PLATE USING A RETROFLECTIVE SHEETING MATERIAL THAT IS PRINTED**
21 **UTILIZING UV-CURABLE INK-JET TECHNOLOGY TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST**
22 **QUALITY AND SPEED OF PRINTING.**

23 (6) The department may use the Pure Michigan brand or a
24 successor or similar brand that is used in conjunction with this
25 state's promotion, travel, and tourism campaigns or marketing
26 efforts as part of the standard design for registration plates.

27 (7) The registration plate and the required letters and

1 numerals on the registration plate shall be of sufficient size to
2 be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.
3 The secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the
4 month and year of expiration.

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

9 (9) A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public
10 highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate
11 other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the
12 secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for
13 nonresidents, or by assignment as provided in subsection (3).

14 (10) The registration plate displayed on a vehicle registered
15 on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the elected
16 gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.

17 (11) Beginning on January 1, 2015, **THE SECRETARY OF STATE**
18 **SHALL NOT RENEW** a registration plate issued by the department under
19 this section ~~shall not be renewed~~ 10 years after the date that
20 registration plate was issued. The owner of a vehicle whose
21 registration plate is no longer eligible for renewal under this
22 subsection shall obtain a replacement registration plate upon
23 payment of the fee required under section 804. For any alphanumeric
24 series that the department has retired from circulation, upon
25 request of the owner of a vehicle whose registration plate is no
26 longer eligible for renewal under this subsection, the department
27 may issue a new registration plate with the same registration

1 number as was displayed on the expired registration plate as
2 provided under section 803b.

3 ~~—— (12) The secretary of state, in conjunction with the~~
4 ~~department of corrections, the Michigan state police, the Michigan~~
5 ~~sheriffs' association, 1 individual appointed by the speaker of the~~
6 ~~house of representatives, and 1 individual appointed by the senate~~
7 ~~majority leader, shall prepare a report analyzing the viability of~~
8 ~~moving from the current registration plate production process to a~~
9 ~~digital printing of registration plates. The secretary of state~~
10 ~~shall submit the report to the standing committees of the senate~~
11 ~~and house of representatives with primary responsibility for~~
12 ~~transportation issues no later than December 31, 2013.~~

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
14 after the date it is enacted into law.