HOUSE BILL NO. 5698

March 17, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Bolden and Filler and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

by amending sections 801e and 907 (MCL 257.801e and 257.907), section 801e as amended by 1983 PA 91 and section 907 as amended by 2015 PA 126.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 801e. (1) When If a moped required to be registered under
- 2 this act is sold by a retailer to a general purchaser, the retailer
- 3 shall obtain the certificate of registration shall be obtained in
- 4 the name of the purchaser. by the retailer. In other cases,





- 1 circumstances, the purchaser shall obtain the certificate of
- 2 registration. shall be obtained by the purchaser. The An
- 3 application shall for registration must be signed by the purchaser
- 4 of the moped and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$15.00. Upon
- 5 receipt of the an application for registration in approved form,
- 6 the secretary of state shall enter the application upon the
- 7 secretary of state's records and issue to the applicant a
- 8 certificate of registration containing the decal for the moped, the
- 9 name and address of the owner, and other information the secretary
- 10 of state considers necessary. A moped shall is not be required to
- 11 be insured in the manner specified for motor vehicles under chapter
- 12 31 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, being
- sections 500.3101 to 500.3179 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. under
- 14 chapter 31 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101
- 15 to 500.3179. The certificate of registration shall must be pocket
- 16 size, shall—accompany the vehicle, shall—be legible, and shall—be
- 17 made available for inspection upon demand by a law enforcement
- 18 officer.
- 19 (2) A—The secretary of state shall issue a decal indicating
- 20 that the certificate of registration is in full force and effect.
- 21 shall be issued. A registration certificate and decal shall not be
- 22 issued earlier than 90 days preceding the commencement date of the
- 23 new registration period. Display of the decal shall must be as
- 24 prescribed by rule promulgated by the secretary of state.
- 25 (3) A retailer or manufacturer of mopeds, upon application to
- 26 the secretary of state upon forms provided by the secretary of
- 27 state, may obtain certificates of registration for use in the
- 28 testing or demonstrating of a moped upon payment of \$10.00 for each
- 29 of the first 2 registration certificates. Additional certificates



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- 1 may be issued at a cost of \$5.00 each and used by the applicant
- 2 only in the testing or demonstrating of mopeds by temporary
- 3 placement of the registration on the moped being tested or
- 4 demonstrated. A certificate issued pursuant to under this
- 5 subsection may be used on only 1 moped at any given a time.
- **6** (4) A moped registration shall be is valid for a 3-year period
- 7 which that begins on May 1 and expires on April 30 of the third
- 8 registration year. For purposes of this subsection, a registration
- 9 year begins on May 1 and ends on April 30.
 - (5) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.
- Sec. 907. (1) A violation of this act, or a local ordinance
- 13 substantially corresponding to a provision of this act, that is
- 14 designated a civil infraction shall not be considered is not a
- 15 lesser included offense of a criminal offense.
- 16 (2) If a person is determined under sections 741 to 750 to be
- 17 responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a civil
- 18 infraction under this act or a local ordinance substantially
- 19 corresponding to a provision of this act, the judge or district
- 20 court magistrate may order the person to pay a civil fine of not
- 21 more than \$100.00 and costs as provided in subsection (4). However,
- 22 if the civil infraction was a moving violation that resulted in an
- 23 at-fault collision with another vehicle, a person, or any other
- 24 object, the civil fine ordered under this section shall must be
- 25 increased by \$25.00 but the total civil fine shall must not exceed
- 26 \$100.00. However, for a violation of section 602b, the person shall
- 27 must be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a
- 28 civil fine of \$100.00 for a first offense and \$200.00 for a second
- 29 or subsequent offense. For a violation of section 674(1)(s) or a



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1 local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 674(1)(s), 2 the person shall must be ordered to pay costs as provided in 3 subsection (4) and a civil fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$250.00. For a violation of section 676c, the person shall 4 must be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a 5 6 civil fine of \$1,000.00. For a violation of section 328, the civil 7 fine ordered under this subsection shall be not more than must not 8 exceed \$50.00. For a violation of section 710d, the civil fine ordered under this subsection shall must not exceed \$10.00, subject 9 to subsection (12). For a violation of section 710e, the civil fine 10 11 and court costs ordered under this subsection shall be is \$25.00. For a violation of section 682 or a local ordinance substantially 12 corresponding to section 682, the person shall must be ordered to 13 14 pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine of not 15 less than \$100.00 or more than \$500.00. For a violation of section 240, the civil fine ordered under this subsection shall be is 16 \$15.00. For a violation of section 252a(1), the civil fine ordered 17 18 under this subsection shall be is \$50.00. For a violation of 19 section 676a(3), the civil fine ordered under this section shall be 20 not more than must not exceed \$10.00. For a first violation of section 319f(1), the civil fine ordered under this section shall 21 must be not less than \$2,500.00 or more than \$2,750.00; for a 22 23 second or subsequent violation, the civil fine shall must be not 24 less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$5,500.00. For a violation of 25 section 319g(1)(a), the civil fine ordered under this section shall be not more than must not exceed \$10,000.00. For a violation of 26 27 section 319g(1)(g), the civil fine ordered under this section shall 28 must be not less than \$2,750.00 or more than \$25,000.00. For a 29 violation of section 801e, the civil fine ordered under this



subsection is \$150.00. Permission may be granted for payment of a
civil fine and costs to be made within a specified period of time
or in specified installments, but unless permission is included in
the order or judgment, the civil fine and costs shall must be
payable immediately.

- (3) Except as provided in this subsection, section, if a person is determined to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a civil infraction under this act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a provision of this act while driving a commercial motor vehicle, he or she shall must be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine of not more than \$250.00.
- (4) If a civil fine is ordered under subsection (2) or (3), 13 14 the judge or district court magistrate shall summarily tax and 15 determine the costs of the action, which are not limited to the 16 costs taxable in ordinary civil actions, and may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the plaintiff has been put 17 18 in connection with the civil infraction, up to the entry of judgment. Costs shall must not be ordered in excess of \$100.00. A 19 20 civil fine ordered under subsection (2) or (3) shall must not be waived unless costs ordered under this subsection are waived. 21 22 Except as otherwise provided by law, costs are payable to the 23 general fund of the plaintiff.
 - (5) In addition to a civil fine and costs ordered under subsection (2) or (3) and subsection (4) and the justice system assessment ordered under subsection (13), the judge or district court magistrate may order the person to attend and complete a program of treatment, education, or rehabilitation.
 - (6) A district court magistrate shall impose the sanctions



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permitted under subsections (2), (3), and (5) only to the extent
expressly authorized by the chief judge or only judge of the
district court district.

- (7) Each district of the district court and each municipal 4 5 court may establish a schedule of civil fines, costs, and 6 assessments to be imposed for civil infractions that occur within 7 the respective district or city. If a schedule is established, it 8 shall must be prominently posted and readily available for public 9 inspection. A schedule need not include all violations that are 10 designated by law or ordinance as civil infractions. A schedule may 11 exclude cases on the basis of a defendant's prior record of civil infractions or traffic offenses, or a combination of civil 12 infractions and traffic offenses. 13
- 14 (8) The state court administrator shall annually publish and distribute to each district and court a recommended range of civil 15 16 fines and costs for first-time civil infractions. This recommendation is not binding upon the courts having jurisdiction 17 18 over civil infractions but is intended to act as a normative guide 19 for judges and district court magistrates and a basis for public 20 evaluation of disparities in the imposition of civil fines and 21 costs throughout the state.
 - (9) If a person has received a civil infraction citation for defective safety equipment on a vehicle under section 683, the court shall waive a civil fine, costs, and assessments upon receipt of certification by a law enforcement agency that repair of the defective equipment was made before the appearance date on the citation.
- 28 (10) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs ordered 29 under subsection (2), (3), or (4) or a justice system assessment



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- 1 ordered under subsection (13), or an installment of the fine,
- 2 costs, or assessment, may be collected by a means authorized for
- 3 the enforcement of a judgment under chapter 40 of the revised
- 4 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.4001 to 600.4065, or
- 5 under chapter 60 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA
- 6 236, MCL 600.6001 to 600.6098.
- 7 (11) If a person fails to comply with an order or judgment
- 8 issued under this section within the time prescribed by the court,
- 9 the driver's driver license of that person shall must be suspended
- 10 under section 321a until full compliance with that order or
- 11 judgment occurs. In addition to this suspension, the court may also
- 12 proceed under section 908.
- 13 (12) The court may waive any civil fine, cost, or assessment
- 14 against a person who received a civil infraction citation for a
- 15 violation of section 710d if the person, before the appearance date
- 16 on the citation, supplies the court with evidence of acquisition,
- 17 purchase, or rental of a child seating system meeting the
- 18 requirements of section 710d.
- 19 (13) In addition to any civil fines or costs ordered to be
- 20 paid under this section, the judge or district court magistrate
- 21 shall order the defendant to pay a justice system assessment of
- 22 \$40.00 for each civil infraction determination, except for a
- 23 parking violation or a violation for which the total fine and costs
- 24 imposed are \$10.00 or less. Upon payment of the assessment, the
- 25 clerk of the court shall transmit the assessment collected to the
- 26 state treasury to be deposited into the justice system fund created
- 27 in section 181 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236,
- 28 MCL 600.181. An assessment levied under this subsection is not a
- 29 civil fine for purposes of section 909.



- 1 (14) If a person has received a citation for a violation of 2 section 223, the court shall waive any civil fine, costs, and 3 assessment, upon receipt of certification by a law enforcement 4 agency that the person, before the appearance date on the citation, 5 produced a valid registration certificate that was valid on the 6 date the violation of section 223 occurred.
- 7 (15) If a person has received a citation for a violation of section 328(1) for failing to produce a certificate of insurance 8 9 under section 328(2), the court may waive the fee described in 10 section 328(3)(c) and shall waive any fine, costs, and any other 11 fee or assessment otherwise authorized under this act upon receipt 12 of verification by the court that the person, before the appearance date on the citation, produced valid proof of insurance that was in 13 14 effect at the time the violation of section 328(1) occurred. 15 Insurance obtained subsequent to the time of the violation does not 16 make the person eliqible for a waiver under this subsection.
 - (16) If a person is determined to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a civil infraction under this act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a provision of this act and the civil infraction arises out of the ownership or operation of a commercial quadricycle, he or she shall must be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.
- 24 (17) As used in this section, "moving violation" means an act or omission prohibited under this act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to this act that involves the operation of a motor vehicle and for which a fine may be assessed.

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