

HOUSE BILL NO. 4145

February 04, 2021, Introduced by Rep. Filler and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

1 vehicle displays, ~~in the manner as~~ prescribed in section 225, 1
2 special plate approved by the secretary of state.

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

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

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

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

1 chapter.

2 (6) A licensee shall not use a special plate described in this
3 section on service cars or wreckers operated as an adjunct of a
4 licensee's business. A manufacturer, transporter, or dealer making
5 or permitting any unauthorized use of a special plate under this
6 chapter forfeits the right to use special plates and the secretary
7 of state, after notice and a hearing, may suspend or cancel the
8 right to use special plates and require that the special plates be
9 surrendered to or repossessed by ~~the~~**this** state.

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

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

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

1 indicates the date of sale or lease of the motor vehicle.

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

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

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

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
24 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4153 (request no.
25 01303'21) of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.