HOUSE BILL No. 5265

October 17, 1995, Introduced by Reps. London, Kukuk, Green, Curtis, DeMars, Randall, McBryde, McNutt, Gernaat, Baade, McManus, Voorhees, Lowe, Gilmer and Jaye and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 803b of Act No. 300 of the Public

Acts of 1949, entitled as amended

"Michigan vehicle code,"

as amended by Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sec-

tion 257.803b of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1   Section 1.   Section 803b of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts

2 of 1949, as amended by Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1993,

3 being section 257.803b of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended

4 to read as follows:

5   Sec. 803b.   (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personal-

6 ized vehicle registration plate which shall be used on the pas-

7 senger motor vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor home,

8 hearse, bus, trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is

9 issued instead of a standard plate.   Personalized plates shall

1 bear letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes.

2 The secretary of state shall not issue a letter combination which

3 might carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency.

4 The personalized plates shall be made of the same material as

5 standard plates. Personalized plates shall not be a duplication

6 of another registration plate.

7   (2) An application for a personalized registration plate

8 shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to section

9 217. Application for an original personalized registration plate

10 shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of ~~$8.00~~

11 $4.00 for the first month and of ~~$2.00~~ $1.00 per month for each

12 additional month of the registration period in addition to the

13 regular vehicle registration fee. A second duplicate registra-

14 tion plate may be obtained by requesting that option on the

15 application and paying an additional service fee of $5.00.

16 Application for the renewal of a personalized registration plate

17 shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of ~~$25.00~~

18 $15.00 in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. The

19 service fee shall be credited to the Michigan transportation

20 fund; and, after deduction of manufacturing and administrative

21 costs, the service fee shall be allocated pursuant to section 10

22 of Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, ~~as amended,~~ being

23 section 247.660 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The amount allo-

24 cated to the state trunk line fund shall be used by the state

25 transportation department for litter pickup and cleanup on state

26 roads and rights of way.

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1   (3) The expiration date for a personalized registration

2 plate shall be pursuant to section 226. Upon the issuance or

3 renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of

4 state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of

5 expiration. Upon the renewal of a personalized registration

6 plate, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for

7 the rear plate designating the next expiration date of the

8 plate. Upon renewal, the secretary of state shall not issue the

9 owner a new exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate

10 is illegible and the owner pays the service fee and registration

11 fee for an original personalized registration plate.

12   (4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of

13 letters and numbers on a personalized plate shall not be given to

14 a different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom

15 the plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date

16 of the plate.

17   (5) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a

18 person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a

19 personalized plate if the applicant's vehicle registration may

20 expire prior to receipt of his or her personalized plate. The

21 temporary registration shall be valid for not more than 60 days

22 after the date of issuance. The temporary permit shall be issued

23 without a fee.