

# SENATE BILL No. 463

September 3, 2013, Introduced by Senators CASWELL, NOFS and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 225 (MCL 257.225), as amended by 1995 PA 129.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 225. (1) ~~A~~**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS**  
2 **SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION (6), A** registration plate issued for a  
3 vehicle shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle. ~~Except that a~~  
4 **A** registration plate issued for a truck tractor or road tractor  
5 shall be attached to the front of ~~that~~**THE** vehicle.

6           (2) A registration plate shall at all times be securely  
7 fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which the  
8 plate is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging. The plate  
9 shall be attached at a height of not less than 12 inches from the

1 ground, measured from the bottom of the plate, in a place and  
2 position ~~which~~**THAT** is clearly visible. The plate shall be  
3 maintained free from foreign materials that obscure or partially  
4 obscure the registration information, ~~and~~ in a clearly legible  
5 condition.

6 (3) A registration plate or ~~the~~**AN** expiration tab on the  
7 registration plate shall be of a different color designated by the  
8 secretary of state with a marked contrast between the color of the  
9 registration plate and the numerals or letters on the plate. The  
10 secretary of state may provide a distinctive registration plate as  
11 a replacement for a standard plate. To honor a special or  
12 historical event, the secretary of state may provide a  
13 commemorative plate as a replacement for a standard plate.

14 (4) A person shall not attach a name plate, insignia, or  
15 advertising device to a ~~motor vehicle~~ registration plate in a  
16 manner ~~which~~**THAT** obscures or partially obscures the registration  
17 information.

18 (5) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle ~~which~~**THAT** has  
19 a name plate, insignia, or advertising device attached to a ~~motor~~  
20 ~~vehicle~~ registration plate in a manner ~~which~~**THAT** obscures or  
21 partially obscures the registration information.

22 (6) **A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED FOR A HISTORIC MILITARY**  
23 **VEHICLE THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO BE OPERATED ON THE ROADS OF THIS**  
24 **STATE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED TO THE REAR OR THE FRONT OF**  
25 **THE HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE UNLESS THE HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE**  
26 **WAS ORIGINALLY MANUFACTURED WITH LIGHTING AND MOUNTING PROVISIONS**  
27 **FOR A REGISTRATION PLATE. HOWEVER, IF THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS NOT**

1 ATTACHED TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE, IT SHALL  
2 BE PRESENT IN THE HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE TO WHICH IT REFERS AND  
3 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON DEMAND OF A POLICE OFFICER. AS USED IN  
4 THIS SUBSECTION, "HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE,  
5 INCLUDING A TRAILER, REGARDLESS OF THE VEHICLE'S SIZE, WEIGHT, OR  
6 YEAR OF MANUFACTURE, THAT WAS MANUFACTURED FOR USE IN ANY COUNTRY'S  
7 MILITARY FORCES AND IS MAINTAINED TO REPRESENT ITS MILITARY DESIGN  
8 AND MARKINGS ACCURATELY.

9 (7) ~~(6)~~—A person who violates this section is responsible for  
10 a civil infraction.