

HOUSE BILL No. 4663

May 25, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Johnson, Reilly, Brann, Barrett, Love, Leutheuser and Runestad and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 2016 PA 425.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 226. (1) A vehicle registration issued by the secretary
2 of state expires on the owner's birthday, unless another expiration
3 date is provided for under this act or unless the registration is
4 for the following vehicles, in which case registration expires on
5 the last day of February:

6 (a) A commercial vehicle except for a commercial vehicle
7 issued a registration under the international registration plan or
8 a pickup truck or van owned by an individual.

9 (b) Except for a trailer or semitrailer issued a registration
10 under the international registration plan, a trailer or semitrailer
11 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an

1 individual; or a pole trailer.

2 (2) The expiration date for a registration issued for a
3 motorcycle is the motorcycle owner's birthday.

4 (3) The expiration date for a registration bearing the letters
5 "SEN" or "REP" is February 1.

6 (4) In the case of a vehicle owned by a business, corporation,
7 or an owner other than an individual, the secretary of state may
8 assign or reassign the expiration date of the registration.

9 (5) The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

10 (a) After the October 1 immediately preceding the year
11 designated on the registration, issue a registration upon
12 application and payment of the proper fee for a commercial vehicle,
13 other than a pickup or van owned by an individual; or a trailer
14 owned by a business, corporation, or person other than an
15 individual.

16 (b) Beginning 60 days before the expiration date assigned on
17 an international registration plan registration plate, issue a
18 registration under section 801g upon application and payment of the
19 proper apportioned fee for a commercial vehicle engaged in
20 interstate commerce.

21 (c) Beginning 45 days before the owner's birthday **OR, IF THE**
22 **OWNER HAS REQUESTED THE EXPIRATION DATE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION**
23 **(13), 45 DAYS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE,** and 120 days before the
24 expiration date assigned by the secretary of state, issue a
25 registration for a vehicle other than those designated in
26 subsection (1)(a) or (b). However, if an owner whose registration
27 period begins 45 days before his or her birthday **OR EXPIRATION DATE**

1 will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately preceding
2 expiration of a registration or for other good cause shown cannot
3 apply for a renewal registration within the 45-day period,
4 application for a renewal registration may be made not more than 6
5 months before expiration.

6 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection **AND**
7 **SUBSECTION (13)**, the secretary of state, upon application and
8 payment of the proper fee, shall issue a registration for a vehicle
9 or a motorcycle to a resident that shall expire on the owner's
10 birthday **OR, IF APPLICABLE, ON THE EXPIRATION DATE DESCRIBED IN**
11 **SUBSECTION (13)**. If the owner's next birthday is at least 6 months
12 but not more than 12 months in the future, the owner shall receive
13 a registration valid until the owner's next birthday **OR, IF**
14 **APPLICABLE, THE EXPIRATION DATE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (13)**. If
15 the owner's next birthday is less than 6 months in the future, the
16 owner shall receive a registration valid until the owner's birthday
17 following the owner's next birthday. The tax required under this
18 act for a registration described in this subsection shall be either
19 of the following:

20 (a) For an original registration, the tax shall bear the same
21 relationship to the tax required under section 801 for a 12-month
22 registration as the length of the registration bears to 12 months.

23 (b) For a renewal of a registration, either of the following:

24 (i) For a registration that is for at least 6 months but not
25 more than 12 months, the same amount as for 12 months.

26 (ii) For a renewal of a registration that is for more than 12
27 months, 2 times the amount for 12 months.

1 Partial months shall be considered as whole months in the
2 calculation of the required tax and in the determination of the
3 length of time between the application for a registration and the
4 owner's next birthday **OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE EXPIRATION DATE**
5 **DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (13)**. The tax required for that
6 registration shall be rounded off to whole dollars as provided in
7 section 801.

8 (7) A certificate of title shall remain valid until canceled
9 by the secretary of state for cause or upon a transfer of an
10 interest shown on the certificate of title.

11 (8) The secretary of state, upon request, shall issue special
12 registration for commercial vehicles, valid for 6 months after the
13 date of issue, if the full registration fee exceeds \$50.00, on the
14 payment of 1/2 the full registration fee and a service charge as
15 enumerated in section 802(1).

16 (9) The secretary of state may issue a special registration
17 for each of the following:

18 (a) A new vehicle purchased or leased outside of this state
19 and delivered in this state to the purchaser or lessee by the
20 manufacturer of that vehicle for removal to a place outside of this
21 state, if a certification is made that the vehicle will be
22 primarily used, stored, and registered outside of this state and
23 will not be returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for
24 use or storage.

25 (b) A vehicle purchased or leased in this state and delivered
26 to the purchaser or lessee by a dealer or by the owner of the
27 vehicle for removal to a place outside of this state, if a

1 certification is made that the vehicle will be primarily used,
2 stored, and registered outside of this state and will not be
3 returned to this state by the purchaser or lessee for use or
4 storage.

5 (10) A special registration issued under subsection (9) is
6 valid for not more than 30 days after the date of issuance, and a
7 fee shall be collected for each special registration as provided in
8 section 802(3). The special registration may be in the form
9 determined by the secretary of state. If a dealer makes a retail
10 sale or lease of a vehicle to a purchaser or lessee who is
11 qualified and eligible to obtain a special registration, the dealer
12 shall apply for the special registration for the purchaser or
13 lessee. If a person other than a dealer sells or leases a vehicle
14 to a purchaser or lessee who is qualified and eligible to obtain a
15 special registration, the purchaser or lessee shall appear in
16 person, or by a person exercising the purchaser's or lessee's power
17 of attorney, at an office of the secretary of state and furnish a
18 certification that the person is the bona fide purchaser or lessee
19 or that the person has granted the power of attorney, together with
20 other forms required for the issuance of the special registration
21 and provide the secretary of state with proof that the vehicle is
22 covered by a Michigan no-fault insurance policy issued pursuant to
23 section 3101 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL
24 500.3101, or proof that the vehicle is covered by a policy of
25 insurance issued by an insurer pursuant to section 3163 of the
26 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3163. The
27 certification required in this subsection shall contain all of the

1 following:

2 (a) The address of the purchaser or lessee.

3 (b) A statement that the vehicle is purchased or leased for
4 registration outside of this state.

5 (c) A statement that the vehicle shall be primarily used,
6 stored, and registered outside of this state.

7 (d) The name of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is to be
8 registered.

9 (e) Other information requested by the secretary of state.

10 (11) In the case of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or
11 semitrailer issued a registration under the international
12 registration plan, the secretary of state in mutual agreement with
13 the owner may assign or reassign the expiration date of the
14 registration. However, the expiration date agreed to shall be
15 either March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31. Renewals
16 expiring on or after September 30, 1993 shall be for a minimum of
17 at least 12 months if there is a change in the established
18 expiration date.

19 (12) The expiration date for a multiyear registration issued
20 for a leased vehicle shall be the date the lease expires but shall
21 not be for a period longer than 24 months.

22 **(13) IN THE CASE OF A VEHICLE OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL, UPON**
23 **REQUEST OF THAT INDIVIDUAL, A VEHICLE REGISTRATION ISSUED BY THE**
24 **SECRETARY OF STATE EXPIRES 2 YEARS AFTER THE OWNER'S BIRTHDAY.**

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