

# SENATE BILL No. 921

January 20, 2004, Introduced by Senators GARCIA, TOY, CASSIS, GEORGE, BIRKHOLZ, PATTERSON, STAMAS, SANBORN, McMANUS, BROWN, HARDIMAN, JELINEK, GILBERT, KUIPERS, ALLEN, BARCIA, EMERSON, SWITALSKI, BERNERO, CLARK-COLEMAN, SCOTT, BRATER, CHERRY, BISHOP and BASHAM and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 2003 PA 152.

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

1       Sec. 801. (1) The secretary of state shall collect the  
2 following taxes at the time of registering a vehicle, which shall  
3 exempt the vehicle from all other state and local taxation,  
4 except the fees and taxes provided by law to be paid by certain  
5 carriers operating motor vehicles and trailers under the motor  
6 carrier act, 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.43; the taxes imposed  
7 by the motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211 to  
8 207.234; and except as otherwise provided by this act:

9       (a) For a motor vehicle, including a motor home, except as  
10 otherwise provided, and a pickup truck or van that weighs not

1 more than 5,000 pounds, except as otherwise provided, according  
2 to the following schedule of empty weights:

3	Empty weights	Fee
4	0 to 3,000 pounds.....	\$ 29.00
5	3,001 to 3,500 pounds.....	32.00
6	3,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	37.00
7	4,001 to 4,500 pounds.....	43.00
8	4,501 to 5,000 pounds.....	47.00
9	5,001 to 5,500 pounds.....	52.00
10	5,501 to 6,000 pounds.....	57.00
11	6,001 to 6,500 pounds.....	62.00
12	6,501 to 7,000 pounds.....	67.00
13	7,001 to 7,500 pounds.....	71.00
14	7,501 to 8,000 pounds.....	77.00
15	8,001 to 8,500 pounds.....	81.00
16	8,501 to 9,000 pounds.....	86.00
17	9,001 to 9,500 pounds.....	91.00
18	9,501 to 10,000 pounds.....	95.00
19	over 10,000 pounds.....	\$ 0.90 per 100 pounds
20	of empty weight	

21 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed  
22 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the  
23 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that  
24 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year  
25 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar  
26 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar

1 year which preceded that calendar year. In performing the  
2 calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall  
3 use the spring preliminary report of the United States department  
4 of commerce or its successor agency. A van ~~which~~ **or sports**  
5 **utility vehicle that** is owned by an individual who uses a  
6 wheelchair or by an individual who transports a resident of his  
7 or her household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration  
8 plates are issued pursuant to section 803d shall be assessed at  
9 the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this subdivision.

10 (b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle, the tax  
11 shall be assessed as provided in subdivision (l). A trailer  
12 coach not under 1959 PA 243, MCL 125.1035 to 125.1043, and while  
13 located on land otherwise assessable as real property under the  
14 general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, if  
15 the trailer coach is used as a place of habitation, and whether  
16 or not permanently affixed to the soil, shall not be exempt from  
17 real property taxes.

18 (c) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a  
19 farmer and used exclusively in connection with a farming  
20 operation, including a farmer hauling livestock or farm equipment  
21 for other farmers for remuneration in kind or in labor, but not  
22 for money, or used for the transportation of the farmer and the  
23 farmer's family, and not used for hire, 74 cents per 100 pounds  
24 of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. If  
25 the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer is  
26 also used for a nonfarming operation, the farmer shall be subject  
27 to the highest registration tax applicable to the nonfarm use of

1 the vehicle but shall not be subject to more than 1 tax rate  
2 under this act.

3 (d) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a  
4 wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with the wood  
5 harvesting operations or a truck used exclusively to haul milk  
6 from the farm to the first point of delivery, 74 cents per 100  
7 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck  
8 tractor. A registration secured by payment of the fee as  
9 prescribed in this subdivision shall continue in full force and  
10 effect until the regular expiration date of the registration. As  
11 used in this subdivision, "wood harvester" includes the person or  
12 persons hauling and transporting raw materials in the form  
13 produced at the harvest site. As used in this subdivision, "wood  
14 harvesting operations" does not include the transportation of  
15 processed lumber, Christmas trees, or processed firewood for a  
16 profit making venture.

17 (e) For a hearse or ambulance used exclusively by a licensed  
18 funeral director in the general conduct of the licensee's funeral  
19 business, including a hearse or ambulance whose owner is engaged  
20 in the business of leasing or renting the hearse or ambulance to  
21 others, \$1.17 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the hearse or  
22 ambulance.

23 (f) For a vehicle owned and operated by this state, a state  
24 institution, a municipality, a privately incorporated, nonprofit  
25 volunteer fire department, or a nonpublic, nonprofit college or  
26 university, \$5.00 per plate. A registration plate issued under  
27 this subdivision shall expire on June 30 of the year in which new

1 registration plates are reissued for all vehicles by the  
2 secretary of state.

3 (g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or  
4 similarly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit  
5 parents' transportation corporation used for school purposes,  
6 parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other  
7 grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit  
8 rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by  
9 a senior citizen center, \$10.00 per set, if the bus, station  
10 wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle or motor  
11 vehicle is designated by proper signs showing the organization  
12 operating the vehicle.

13 (h) For a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used  
14 to transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to  
15 children at camp; for a vehicle owned by the civil air patrol, as  
16 organized under ~~sections 40301 to 40307 of title 36 of the~~  
17 ~~United States Code, 36 U.S.C.~~ **36 USC** 40301 to 40307, \$10.00 per  
18 plate, if the vehicle is designated by a proper sign showing the  
19 civil air patrol's name; for a vehicle owned and operated by a  
20 nonprofit veterans center; for a vehicle owned and operated by a  
21 nonprofit recycling center or a federally recognized nonprofit  
22 conservation organization; for a motor vehicle having a truck  
23 chassis and a locomotive or ship's body ~~which~~ **that** is owned by  
24 a nonprofit veterans organization and used exclusively in parades  
25 and civic events; or for an emergency support vehicle used  
26 exclusively for emergencies and owned and operated by a federally  
27 recognized nonprofit charitable organization, \$10.00 per plate.

1 (i) For each truck owned and operated free of charge by a  
 2 bona fide ecclesiastical or charitable corporation, or red cross,  
 3 girl scout, or boy scout organization, 65 cents per 100 pounds of  
 4 the empty weight of the truck.

5 (j) For each truck ~~—~~ weighing 8,000 pounds or less ~~—~~ and  
 6 not used to tow a vehicle, for each privately owned truck used to  
 7 tow a trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved in  
 8 a profit making venture, and for each vehicle designed and used  
 9 to tow a mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided in  
 10 subdivision (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the  
 11 following schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

12	Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
13	0 to 2,500 pounds.....	\$ 1.40
14	2,501 to 4,000 pounds.....	1.76
15	4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
16	6,001 to 8,000 pounds.....	2.72
17	8,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	3.25
18	10,001 to 15,000 pounds.....	3.77
19	15,001 pounds and over.....	4.39

20 If the tax required under subdivision (p) for a vehicle of  
 21 the same model year with the same list price as the vehicle for  
 22 which registration is sought under this subdivision is more than  
 23 the tax provided under the preceding provisions of this  
 24 subdivision for an identical vehicle, the tax required under this  
 25 subdivision shall not be less than the tax required under  
 26 subdivision (p) for a vehicle of the same model year with the

1 same list price.

2 (k) For each truck weighing 8,000 pounds or less towing a  
 3 trailer or any other combination of vehicles and for each truck  
 4 weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor or truck tractor,  
 5 except as provided in subdivision (j) according to the following  
 6 schedule of elected gross weights:

7 Elected gross weight	Fee
8 0 to 24,000 pounds.....	\$ 491.00
9 24,001 to 26,000 pounds.....	558.00
10 26,001 to 28,000 pounds.....	558.00
11 28,001 to 32,000 pounds.....	649.00
12 32,001 to 36,000 pounds.....	744.00
13 36,001 to 42,000 pounds.....	874.00
14 42,001 to 48,000 pounds.....	1,005.00
15 48,001 to 54,000 pounds.....	1,135.00
16 54,001 to 60,000 pounds.....	1,268.00
17 60,001 to 66,000 pounds.....	1,398.00
18 66,001 to 72,000 pounds.....	1,529.00
19 72,001 to 80,000 pounds.....	1,660.00
20 80,001 to 90,000 pounds.....	1,793.00
21 90,001 to 100,000 pounds.....	2,002.00
22 100,001 to 115,000 pounds.....	2,223.00
23 115,001 to 130,000 pounds.....	2,448.00
24 130,001 to 145,000 pounds.....	2,670.00
25 145,001 to 160,000 pounds.....	2,894.00
26 over 160,000 pounds.....	3,117.00

27 For each commercial vehicle registered ~~pursuant to~~ **under**

1 this subdivision \$15.00 shall be deposited in a truck safety fund  
2 to be expended for the purposes prescribed in section 25 of 1951  
3 PA 51, MCL 247.675.

4 If a truck or road tractor without trailer is leased from an  
5 individual owner-operator, the lessee, whether a person, firm, or  
6 corporation, shall pay to the owner-operator 60% of the fee  
7 prescribed in this subdivision for the truck tractor or road  
8 tractor at the rate of 1/12 for each month of the lease or  
9 arrangement in addition to the compensation the owner-operator is  
10 entitled to for the rental of his or her equipment.

11 (l) For each pole trailer, semitrailer, trailer coach, or  
12 trailer, the tax shall be assessed according to the following  
13 schedule of empty weights:

14 Empty weights	Fee
15 0 to 2,499 pounds.....	\$ 75.00
16 2,500 to 9,999 pounds.....	200.00
17 10,000 pounds and over.....	300.00

18 The registration plate issued under this subdivision expires  
19 only when the secretary of state reissues a new registration  
20 plate for all trailers. If the secretary of state reissues a new  
21 registration plate for all trailers, a person who has once paid  
22 the ~~fee~~ **tax** for a vehicle under this subdivision shall not be  
23 required to pay the ~~fee~~ **tax** for that vehicle a second time, but  
24 shall be required to pay only the cost of the reissued plate at  
25 the rate provided in section 804(2) for a standard plate. A  
26 registration plate issued under this subdivision is



1 nontransferable.

2 (m) For each commercial vehicle used for the transportation  
3 of passengers for hire except for a vehicle for which a payment  
4 is made pursuant to 1960 PA 2, MCL 257.971 to 257.972, according  
5 to the following schedule of empty weights:

6 Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
7 0 to 4,000 pounds.....	\$ 1.76
8 4,001 to 6,000 pounds.....	2.20
9 6,001 to 10,000 pounds.....	2.72
10 10,001 pounds and over.....	3.25

11 (n) For each motorcycle..... \$ 23.00

12 On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed  
13 under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the  
14 registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that  
15 date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year  
16 times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar  
17 year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar  
18 year ~~which~~ **that** preceded that calendar year. In performing the  
19 calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall  
20 use the spring preliminary report of the United States department  
21 of commerce or its successor agency.

22 Beginning January 1, 1984, the registration tax for each  
23 motorcycle shall be increased by \$3.00. The \$3.00 increase shall  
24 not be considered as part of the tax assessed under this  
25 subdivision for the purpose of the annual October 1 revisions but

1 shall be in addition to the tax assessed as a result of the  
 2 annual October 1 revisions. Beginning January 1, 1984, \$3.00 of  
 3 each motorcycle fee shall be placed in a motorcycle safety fund  
 4 in the state treasury and shall be used only for funding the  
 5 motorcycle safety education program as provided for under  
 6 sections 312b and 811a.

7 (o) For each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road  
 8 tractor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or  
 9 part of a moving van in transporting household furniture and  
 10 household effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting  
 11 carnivals, at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross  
 12 weights in subdivision (k) as modified by the operation of that  
 13 subdivision.

14 (p) After September 30, 1983, each motor vehicle of the 1984  
 15 or a subsequent model year as shown on the application required  
 16 under section 217 ~~which~~ **that** has not been previously subject to  
 17 the tax rates of this section and ~~which~~ **that** is of the motor  
 18 vehicle category otherwise subject to the tax schedule described  
 19 in subdivision (a), and each low-speed vehicle according to the  
 20 following schedule based upon registration periods of 12 months:

21 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for the  
 22 first registration, ~~which~~ **that** is not a transfer registration  
 23 under section 809 and for the first registration after a transfer  
 24 registration under section 809, according to the following  
 25 schedule based on the vehicle's list price:

26 List Price	Tax
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1	\$ 0 - \$ 6,000.00.....	\$ 30.00
2	More than \$ 6,000.00 - \$ 7,000.00.....	\$ 33.00
3	More than \$ 7,000.00 - \$ 8,000.00.....	\$ 38.00
4	More than \$ 8,000.00 - \$ 9,000.00.....	\$ 43.00
5	More than \$ 9,000.00 - \$ 10,000.00.....	\$ 48.00
6	More than \$ 10,000.00 - \$ 11,000.00.....	\$ 53.00
7	More than \$ 11,000.00 - \$ 12,000.00.....	\$ 58.00
8	More than \$ 12,000.00 - \$ 13,000.00.....	\$ 63.00
9	More than \$ 13,000.00 - \$ 14,000.00.....	\$ 68.00
10	More than \$ 14,000.00 - \$ 15,000.00.....	\$ 73.00
11	More than \$ 15,000.00 - \$ 16,000.00.....	\$ 78.00
12	More than \$ 16,000.00 - \$ 17,000.00.....	\$ 83.00
13	More than \$ 17,000.00 - \$ 18,000.00.....	\$ 88.00
14	More than \$ 18,000.00 - \$ 19,000.00.....	\$ 93.00
15	More than \$ 19,000.00 - \$ 20,000.00.....	\$ 98.00
16	More than \$ 20,000.00 - \$ 21,000.00.....	\$ 103.00
17	More than \$ 21,000.00 - \$ 22,000.00.....	\$ 108.00
18	More than \$ 22,000.00 - \$ 23,000.00.....	\$ 113.00
19	More than \$ 23,000.00 - \$ 24,000.00.....	\$ 118.00
20	More than \$ 24,000.00 - \$ 25,000.00.....	\$ 123.00
21	More than \$ 25,000.00 - \$ 26,000.00.....	\$ 128.00
22	More than \$ 26,000.00 - \$ 27,000.00.....	\$ 133.00
23	More than \$ 27,000.00 - \$ 28,000.00.....	\$ 138.00
24	More than \$ 28,000.00 - \$ 29,000.00.....	\$ 143.00
25	More than \$ 29,000.00 - \$ 30,000.00.....	\$ 148.00
26	More than \$30,000.00, the fee of \$148.00 shall be increased	
27	by \$5.00 for each \$1,000.00 increment or fraction of a \$1,000.00	

1 increment over \$30,000.00. If a current fee increases or  
2 decreases as a result of 1998 PA 384, only a vehicle purchased or  
3 transferred after January 1, 1999 shall be assessed the increased  
4 or decreased fee.

5 (ii) For the second registration, 90% of the tax assessed  
6 under subparagraph (i).

7 (iii) For the third registration, 90% of the tax assessed  
8 under subparagraph (ii).

9 (iv) For the fourth and subsequent registrations, 90% of the  
10 tax assessed under subparagraph (iii).

11 For a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has  
12 been previously registered by a person other than the person  
13 applying for registration or for a vehicle of the 1984 or a  
14 subsequent model year that has been previously registered in  
15 another state or country and is registered for the first time in  
16 this state, the tax under this subdivision shall be determined by  
17 subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the calendar year  
18 for which the registration is sought. If the result is zero or a  
19 negative figure, the first registration tax shall be paid. If  
20 the result is 1, 2, or 3 or more, then, respectively, the second,  
21 third, or subsequent registration tax shall be paid. A van  
22 ~~which~~ **or sports utility vehicle that** is owned by an individual  
23 who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who transports a  
24 resident of his or her household who uses a wheelchair and for  
25 which registration plates are issued ~~pursuant to~~ **under**  
26 section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax  
27 provided for in this subdivision.

1 (q) For a wrecker, \$200.00.

2 (r) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this  
3 section, a computation that does not result in a whole dollar  
4 figure shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar when the  
5 computation results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and  
6 shall be rounded to the next higher whole dollar when the  
7 computation results in a figure ending in 51 cents or more,  
8 unless specific fees are specified, and the secretary of state  
9 may accept the manufacturer's shipping weight of the vehicle  
10 fully equipped for the use for which the registration application  
11 is made. If the weight is not correctly stated or is not  
12 satisfactory, the secretary of state shall determine the actual  
13 weight. Each application for registration of a vehicle under  
14 subdivisions (j) and (m) shall have attached to the application a  
15 scale weight receipt of the vehicle fully equipped as of the time  
16 the application is made. The scale weight receipt is not  
17 necessary if there is presented with the application a  
18 registration receipt of the previous year ~~which~~ **that** shows on  
19 its face the weight of the motor vehicle as registered with the  
20 secretary of state and ~~which~~ **that** is accompanied by a statement  
21 of the applicant that there has not been a structural change in  
22 the motor vehicle ~~which~~ **that** has increased the weight and that  
23 the previous registered weight is the true weight.

24 (2) A manufacturer is not exempted under this act from paying  
25 ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond, except on the  
26 specified number of motor vehicles registered. A dealer is  
27 exempt from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or

1 bond.

2 (3) Until October 1, 2009, the ~~fee~~ **tax** for a vehicle with  
3 an empty weight over 10,000 pounds imposed pursuant to subsection  
4 (1)(a) and the ~~fees~~ **taxes** imposed pursuant to subsection  
5 (1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j), (m), (o), and (p) shall  
6 each be increased as follows:

7 (a) A regulatory fee of \$2.25, which shall be credited to the  
8 traffic law enforcement and safety fund created in section 819a  
9 and used for the purpose of regulating highway safety.

10 (b) A fee of \$5.75, which shall be credited to the  
11 transportation administration collection fund created in section  
12 810b.

13 (4) If a tax required to be paid under this section is not  
14 received by the secretary of state on or before the expiration  
15 date of the registration plate, the secretary of state shall  
16 collect a late fee of \$10.00 for each registration renewed after  
17 the expiration date. An application for a renewal of a  
18 registration using the regular mail and postmarked before the  
19 expiration date of that registration shall not be assessed a late  
20 fee. The late fee collected under this subsection shall be  
21 deposited into the general fund.

22 (5) As used in this section:

23 (a) "Gross proceeds" means gross proceeds as defined in  
24 section 1 of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51.  
25 However, gross proceeds shall include the value of the motor  
26 vehicle used as part payment of the purchase price as that value  
27 is agreed to by the parties to the sale, as evidenced by the

1 signed agreement executed pursuant to section 251.

2       (b) "List price" means the manufacturer's suggested base list  
3 price as published by the secretary of state, or the  
4 manufacturer's suggested retail price as shown on the label  
5 required to be affixed to the vehicle under section 3 of the  
6 automobile information disclosure act, ~~Public Law 85-506, 15~~  
7 ~~U.S.C.~~ **15 USC** 1232, if the secretary of state has not at the  
8 time of the sale of the vehicle published a manufacturer's  
9 suggested retail price for that vehicle, or the purchase price of  
10 the vehicle if the manufacturer's suggested base list price is  
11 unavailable from the sources described in this subdivision.

12       (c) "Purchase price" means the gross proceeds received by the  
13 seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle being  
14 registered.