

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 442

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 227 (MCL 257.227), as amended by 1995 PA 287;  
and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

1           Sec. 227. (1) Application for renewal of a vehicle  
2 registration shall be made by the owner upon proper application and  
3 by payment of the registration fee for the vehicle, as provided by  
4 law.

5           (2) Every ~~such~~ application shall be accompanied by the  
6 certificate of title pertaining to the vehicle, showing ownership  
7 in the person applying for registration at the time of the  
8 application. ~~However, the~~ **THE** secretary of state may waive the  
9 presentation of the certificate of title.

## Senate Bill No. 442 as amended June 16, 2011

1           (3) ~~Beginning January 1, 1983, every~~ **EVERY** application for  
2 renewal of a motor vehicle registration ~~made by mail,~~ shall be  
3 accompanied by proof of vehicle insurance in a form determined by  
4 the secretary of state.

5 ~~— (4) Beginning January 1, 1981, every application for renewal~~  
6 ~~of a motor vehicle registration made in person at a secretary of~~  
7 ~~state field office shall be accompanied by proof of vehicle~~  
8 ~~insurance in a form determined by the secretary of state.~~

9           (4) ~~(5) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (4),~~ **SUBSECTION**  
10 **(3)**, the secretary of state shall accept as proof of vehicle  
11 insurance a transmission of the applicant's vehicle identification  
12 ~~number only~~ **POLICY INFORMATION** for an insured vehicle for which  
13 vehicle registration is sought. The secretary of state may  
14 determine in what format **AND ON WHAT TIMELINE** the secretary of  
15 state will receive vehicle ~~identification number~~ **POLICY**  
16 information, **WHICH SHALL NOT BE <<REQUIRED>> MORE FREQUENTLY THAN**  
**EVERY 14 DAYS. <<IN DETERMINING THE FORMAT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION,**  
**THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CONSULT WITH INSURERS.>>**

17 The transmission to the secretary of state of a ~~THE~~ vehicle  
18 ~~identification number~~ **POLICY INFORMATION** is proof of insurance to  
19 the secretary of state for motor vehicle registration purposes only  
20 and is not evidence that a policy of insurance actually exists  
21 between an insurer and an individual. Vehicle ~~identification~~  
22 ~~numbers~~ **POLICY INFORMATION** received by the secretary of state under  
23 this subsection ~~are~~ **IS** confidential, ~~are~~ **IS** not subject to the  
24 freedom of information act, ~~Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976,~~  
25 ~~being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1976~~  
26 **PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246**, and shall not be disclosed to any  
27 person except pursuant to ~~THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR~~

1 PURPOSES OF 2006 PA 593, MCL 550.281 TO 550.289, OR UNDER an order  
2 by a court of competent jurisdiction in connection with a claim or  
3 fraud investigation or prosecution.

4 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "POLICY INFORMATION" MEANS THE  
5 INFORMATION AN AUTOMOBILE INSURER IS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY TO THE  
6 SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 3101A OF THE INSURANCE CODE OF  
7 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101A.

8 Enacting section 1. Section 227b of the Michigan vehicle code,  
9 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.227b, is repealed.

10 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect October  
11 1, 2011.

12 Enacting section 3. This amendatory act does not take effect  
13 unless Senate Bill No. 441 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into  
14 law.