

# SENATE BILL No. 641

September 13, 2011, Introduced by Senators KAHN, GREEN, SCHUITMAKER, BRANDENBURG and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 224 (MCL 257.224), as amended by 2006 PA 177.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 224. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act  
2       regarding tabs or stickers, upon registering a vehicle, the  
3       secretary of state shall issue to the owner 1 registration plate.

4       (2) A registration plate shall display the registration number  
5       assigned to the vehicle for which the registration plate is issued;  
6       the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and when the  
7       registration plate expires, which may be shown by a tab or sticker  
8       furnished by the secretary of state.

9       (3) A registration plate issued for motor vehicles owned and

1 operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a  
2 privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department; or a  
3 nonpublic, nonprofit college or university of this state shall not  
4 expire at any particular time but shall be renewed when the  
5 registration plate is worn out or is illegible. This registration  
6 plate shall be assigned upon proper application and payment of the  
7 applicable fee and may be used on any eligible vehicle titled to  
8 the applicant if a written record is kept of the vehicles upon  
9 which the registration plate is used. The written record shall  
10 state the time the registration plate is used on a particular  
11 vehicle. The record shall be open to inspection by a law  
12 enforcement officer or a representative of the secretary of state.

13 (4) A registration plate issued for a vehicle owned by the  
14 civil air patrol as organized under 36 USC ~~201 to 208,~~ **40301 TO**  
15 **40307**; a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used to  
16 transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to children at  
17 camp; an emergency support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies  
18 and owned and operated by a federally recognized nonprofit  
19 charitable organization; a vehicle owned and operated by a  
20 nonprofit veterans center; a motor vehicle having a truck chassis  
21 and a locomotive or ship's body ~~which is owned~~ by a nonprofit  
22 veterans organization and used exclusively in parades and civic  
23 events; a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit recycling  
24 center or a federally recognized nonprofit conservation  
25 organization until December 31, 2000; a motor vehicle owned and  
26 operated by a senior citizen center; and a registration plate  
27 issued for buses including station wagons, carryalls, or similarly

1 constructed vehicles owned and operated by a nonprofit parents'  
2 transportation corporation used for school purposes, parochial  
3 school, society, church Sunday school, or other grammar school, or  
4 by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit rehabilitation  
5 facility shall be issued upon proper application and payment of the  
6 applicable tax provided in section 801(1)(g) or (h) to the  
7 applicant for the vehicle identified in the application. The  
8 vehicle shall be used exclusively for activities of the school or  
9 organization and shall be designated by proper signs showing the  
10 school or organization operating the vehicle. The registration  
11 plate shall expire on December 31 in the fifth year following the  
12 date of issuance. The registration plate may be transferred to  
13 another vehicle upon proper application and payment of a \$10.00  
14 transfer fee.

15 (5) ~~Beginning January 1, 2007, the~~ **THE** department shall ~~not~~  
16 ~~issue or transfer a standard design beads on paint registration~~  
17 ~~plate or issue a registration tab or sticker for that plate, but~~  
18 ~~shall offer a new standard design registration plate that complies~~  
19 ~~with the requirements of this act~~ **AND AN "I BELIEVE" REGISTRATION**  
20 **PLATE.** The ~~new standard design registration plate~~ **AND THE "I**  
21 **BELIEVE" REGISTRATION PLATE** shall be of a common color scheme and  
22 design that is made of fully reflectorized material and shall be  
23 clearly visible at night. ~~The implementation of this subsection is~~  
24 ~~contingent upon appropriations sufficient to cover the costs to the~~  
25 ~~department of designing, manufacturing, distributing, and issuing~~  
26 ~~the new standard design registration plate. The secretary of state~~  
27 ~~shall file a written report with the secretary of the senate and~~

~~the clerk of the house of representatives of the costs incurred and revenue expended to meet the requirements of this subsection within 30 days after all of the standard design beads on paint registration plates to be replaced under this subsection have been replaced.~~

(6) ~~The~~**A** registration plate and the required letters and numerals on the registration plate shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight. The secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration.

(7) The secretary of state shall issue for every passenger motor vehicle rented without a driver the same ~~type~~**TYPES** of registration ~~plate~~**PLATES** as the ~~type~~**TYPES** of registration ~~plate~~**PLATES** issued for private passenger vehicles.

(8) A person shall not operate a vehicle on the public highways or streets of this state displaying a registration plate other than the registration plate issued for the vehicle by the secretary of state, except as provided in this chapter for nonresidents, and by assignment provided in subsection (3).

(9) The registration plate displayed on a vehicle registered on the basis of elected gross weight shall indicate the elected gross weight for which the vehicle is registered.