

SENATE BILL No. 991

February 29, 2012, Introduced by Senators BOOHER and HOPGOOD 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
10 operated by this state; a state institution; a municipality; a

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

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

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

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

1 ~~30 days after all of the standard design beads on paint~~
2 ~~registration plates to be replaced under this subsection have been~~
3 ~~replaced.~~ **AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE STANDARD DESIGN REGISTRATION**
4 **PLATE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL**
5 **DEVELOP AND OFFER A VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE RECOGNIZING THE**
6 **SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE**
7 **IN AMERICA. THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE RECOGNIZING THE SLEEPING**
8 **BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE IN**
9 **AMERICA SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT.**

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

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

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

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