

HOUSE BILL NO. 6259

June 22, 2022, Introduced by Rep. Paquette and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 74116 and 78119 (MCL 324.74116 and 324.78119),
section 74116 as amended by 2016 PA 1 and section 78119 as amended
by 2013 PA 81.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 74116. (1) Subject to subsection (4), the operator of a
2 nonresident motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle shall not
3 enter any state park with that motor vehicle unless a valid motor
4 vehicle park permit issued under section 74117 is affixed to the

1 lower right-hand corner of the windshield. An annual motor vehicle
2 park permit for a nonresident motor vehicle shall be affixed
3 permanently for that year. The department shall post signs at parks
4 that state that a motor vehicle park permit is required for entry
5 by a nonresident motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle.

6 (2) Subject to subsection (4), the operator of a resident
7 motor vehicle shall not enter a state park with the resident motor
8 vehicle unless the recreation passport fee has been paid for that
9 motor vehicle. Payment of the recreation passport fee authorizes
10 entry into all state parks and recreation areas and designated
11 state-operated public boating access sites until expiration of the
12 motor vehicle registration.

13 (3) Subject to subsection (4), if the secretary of state
14 issues registration tabs or stickers as described in section 805 of
15 the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.805, the operator
16 of a resident motor vehicle shall not enter a state park with the
17 resident motor vehicle unless the resident motor vehicle has a
18 registration tab or sticker marked as provided under that section
19 to show that the recreation passport fee has been paid.

20 (4) Subsections (1) to (3) do not apply under any of the
21 following circumstances:

22 (a) While the motor vehicle is being driven or parked within
23 an established federal, state, or county highway within a state
24 park.

25 (b) If the motor vehicle is used in the operation or
26 maintenance of a state park, is an emergency motor vehicle, is a
27 state owned or law enforcement motor vehicle, or is a private motor
28 vehicle being operated on official state business.

29 (c) If the motor vehicle is registered under section 803e(1)

of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803e, and is exempt under section 803e(6) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803e, from the registration tax, or if the motor vehicle is registered under section 217d or 803f of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.217d and 257.803f.

(d) If the operator or a passenger of the motor vehicle possesses a valid, government-issued veteran identification, such as an operator license indicating his or her veteran status as provided for in section 310 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.310. That operator or passenger shall produce the veteran identification if requested by a conservation officer or park and recreation officer to determine whether the exemption under this subdivision applies.

(e) If the operator or a passenger of the motor vehicle possesses a valid, government-issued identification indicating the operator or passenger is a member of the armed forces or Michigan National Guard. That operator or passenger shall produce the identification if requested by a conservation officer or park and recreation officer to determine whether the exemption under this subdivision applies. As used in this subdivision:

(i) "Armed forces" means that term as defined in section 103 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.103.

(ii) "Michigan National Guard" means that term as defined in section 105 of the Michigan military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.505.

~~(f) (d) At a state operated public boating access site or~~ At a state park where there is an opportunity to fish on a day that the department has designated as a free winter fishing day or a free fishing day under section 43534.

~~(g) (e)~~ If and to the extent that the department waives the

1 requirements for department-sponsored events or other circumstances
2 as determined by the director or the director's designee.

3 Sec. 78119. (1) Subject to subsection (4), a person shall not
4 enter, in a nonresident motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle,
5 a state-operated public boating access site designated under
6 section 78105(2) without a valid pass affixed to the lower right-
7 hand corner of the windshield. A seasonal pass shall be affixed
8 permanently for the season.

9 (2) Subject to subsection (4), the operator of a resident
10 motor vehicle shall not enter a state-operated public boating
11 access site designated under section 78105(2) with the resident
12 motor vehicle unless the recreation passport fee has been paid for
13 that motor vehicle. Payment of the recreation passport fee
14 authorizes entry into all state parks and recreation areas and
15 designated state-operated public boating access sites until
16 expiration of the motor vehicle registration.

17 (3) Subject to subsection (4), if the secretary of state
18 issues registration tabs or stickers as described in section 805 of
19 the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.805, the operator
20 of a resident motor vehicle shall not enter a designated state-
21 operated public boating access site with the resident motor vehicle
22 unless the resident motor vehicle has a registration tab or sticker
23 marked as provided under that section to show that the recreation
24 passport fee has been paid.

25 (4) Subsections (1) to (3) do not apply under any of the
26 following circumstances:

27 (a) If the motor vehicle is used in the operation or
28 maintenance of the public boating access site, is an emergency
29 motor vehicle, is a state-owned or law enforcement motor vehicle,

1 or is a private motor vehicle being operated on official state
2 business.

3 (b) If the motor vehicle is registered under section 803e(1)
4 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803e, and is
5 exempt under section 803e(6) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA
6 300, MCL 257.803e, from the registration tax, or if the motor
7 vehicle is registered under section 217d or 803f of the Michigan
8 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.217d and 257.803f.

9 (c) If the operator or a passenger of the motor vehicle
10 possesses a valid, government-issued veteran identification, such
11 as an operator license indicating his or her veteran status as
12 provided for in section 310 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA
13 300, MCL 257.310. The operator or passenger shall produce the
14 veteran identification if requested by a conservation officer or
15 park and recreation officer to determine whether the exemption
16 under this subdivision applies.

17 (d) If the operator or a passenger of the motor vehicle
18 possesses a valid, government-issued identification indicating the
19 operator or passenger is a member of the armed forces or Michigan
20 National Guard. That operator or passenger shall produce the
21 identification if requested by a conservation officer or park and
22 recreation officer to determine whether the exemption under this
23 subdivision applies. As used in this subdivision:

24 (i) "Armed forces" means that term as defined in section 103 of
25 the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.103.

26 (ii) "Michigan National Guard" means that term as defined in
27 section 105 of the Michigan military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.505.

28 (e) At a state-operated public boating access site where there
29 is an opportunity to fish on a day that the department has

1 **designated as a free winter fishing day or a free fishing day under**
2 **section 43534.**

3 (f) ~~(e)~~—If and to the extent the department waives the
4 requirements for department-sponsored events or other circumstances
5 as determined by the director or the director's designee.

6 (5) A person who violates subsection (1), (2), or (3) is
7 responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay
8 a civil fine of not more than \$100.00. A person shall not be cited
9 for a violation of both subsections (2) and (3) for the same
10 incident.

11 (6) In any proceeding for the violation of this part or a rule
12 promulgated under this part, if a motor vehicle is found parked in
13 a designated state-operated public boating access site, the
14 registration plate displayed on the motor vehicle constitutes prima
15 facie evidence that the owner of the motor vehicle was the person
16 who parked or placed it at the location where it was found.

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