

HOUSE BILL NO. 4673

June 25, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Markkanen, Steele, Kuhn, Xiong, Bohnak, Neyer, Prestin, Schmaltz, Wozniak, Paquette, Beson, Rigas and St. Germaine and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 805 (MCL 257.805), as amended by 2021 PA 96.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 805. (1) An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a
2 motor vehicle registration or for a replacement registration tab or
3 sticker may submit a state park and state-operated public boating
4 access site **recreation** passport fee to the secretary of state with
5 the application. Subject to subsection (7), the amount of the
6 recreation passport fee is as follows:

1 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c), \$10.00.

2 (b) For an individual who obtains a 2-year vehicle
3 registration under section 226(14), \$20.00.

4 (c) For a motorcycle, \$5.00.

5 (2) In addition to the requirements of section 217, an
6 application for a motor vehicle registration must contain at least
7 the following information, in substantially the following format
8 and language, except that the amount of the recreation passport fee
9 specified must be \$20.00 for a vehicle registered for 2 years under
10 section 226(14) and \$5.00 for a motorcycle:

11 \$[Amount] – Annual vehicle registration or renewal.

12 \$10.00 – Annual authorization to use this vehicle for
13 unlimited entry into all Michigan state parks
14 and recreation areas and DNR-operated state
15 boating access sites. (Check one of the
16 boxes below.)

17 _____ I elect to pay this \$10.00 fee.

18 _____ I elect not to pay this \$10.00 fee.

19 This vehicle will not be used to enter the
20 facilities described above.

21 \$_____ – Total amount due.

22 (3) The secretary of state may revise the format and language
23 of an application for motor vehicle registration to reflect the
24 fact that, under sections 74116 and 78119 of the natural resources
25 and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.74116 and
26 324.78119, payment of the recreation passport fee authorizes entry
27 into all state parks and recreation areas and designated state-
28 operated public boating access sites until expiration of the motor
29 vehicle registration.

1 (4) If the applicant applies by mail and, in addition to the
2 registration fee, the applicant pays an amount equal to the
3 recreation passport fee, the applicant ~~shall be~~ **is** considered to
4 have elected to pay the recreation passport fee regardless of
5 whether ~~such an~~ **that** election is indicated on the application.

6 (5) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to any of the
7 following:

8 (a) An application submitted by a dealer under section 217 for
9 a vehicle sold, leased, or exchanged by the dealer.

10 (b) The issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration
11 described in section 803e(1) and exempt under section 803e(6) from
12 the registration tax or the issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle
13 registration described in section 217d, **803e(9)**, or 803f.

14 (6) The secretary of state shall, at least monthly, transfer
15 the revenue from recreation passport fees to the department of
16 natural resources for deposit as provided in section 2045 of the
17 natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451,
18 MCL 324.2045.

19 (7) For each calendar year, the state treasurer shall adjust
20 the amounts set forth in subsection (1) by an amount determined by
21 the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in
22 the Consumer Price Index from October 1, 2010 to the October 1
23 immediately preceding that calendar year, using the most recent
24 data available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

25 (8) The legislature shall annually review the amount of
26 revenue raised by the recreation passport fee to ensure that the
27 amount is appropriate for the purposes for which the recreation
28 passport fee is assessed and in compliance with law.

29 (9) If the secretary of state issues a registration tab or

1 sticker for a registration plate or personalized registration plate
2 under section 224 or 803b for a motor vehicle that had a recreation
3 passport fee paid under this section, the tab or sticker must be
4 marked in a distinctive manner determined by the secretary of state
5 after consultation with the director of the department of natural
6 resources and the department of state police. Before discontinuing
7 the issuance of a registration tab or sticker, the secretary of
8 state shall consult with the director of the department of natural
9 resources and establish an alternative method or procedure the
10 department of natural resources can use to determine whether a
11 recreation passport fee has been paid for a motor vehicle.

12 (10) Whether or not an individual paid or indicated that ~~he or~~
13 ~~she~~ **the individual** elected to pay or not to pay a recreation
14 passport fee under this section is personal information for
15 purposes of section 40b.

16 (11) As used in this section:

17 (a) "Consumer Price Index" means the most comprehensive index
18 of consumer prices available for this state from the Bureau of
19 Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

20 (b) "Motor vehicle" does not include a commercial motor
21 vehicle.

22 (c) "Recreation passport fee" means the state park and state-
23 operated public boating access site recreation passport fee as
24 provided for in subsection (1).

25 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
26 unless House Bill No. 4672 (request no. H03431'25) of the 103rd
27 Legislature is enacted into law.