

# SENATE BILL NO. 446

June 26, 2025, Introduced by Senator MCBROOM and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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)

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

6 **(d) If the motor vehicle displays a municipal registration**  
7 **plate issued under section 224(3) of the Michigan vehicle code,**  
8 **1949 PA 300, MCL 257.224.**

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

13 ~~(f) (e) If and to the extent that the department waives the~~  
14 requirements for department-sponsored events or other circumstances  
15 as determined by the director or the director's designee.

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

22 (2) Subject to subsection (4), the operator of a resident  
23 motor vehicle shall not enter a state-operated public boating  
24 access site designated under section 78105(2) with the resident  
25 motor vehicle unless the recreation passport fee has been paid for  
26 that motor vehicle. Payment of the recreation passport fee  
27 authorizes entry into all state parks and recreation areas and  
28 designated state-operated public boating access sites until  
29 expiration of the motor vehicle registration.

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

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

11           (a) If the motor vehicle is used in the operation or  
12 maintenance of the public boating access site, is an emergency  
13 motor vehicle, is a state-owned or law enforcement motor vehicle,  
14 or is a private motor vehicle being operated on official state  
15 business.

16           (b) If the motor vehicle is registered under section 803e(1)  
17 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803e, and is  
18 exempt under section 803e(6) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA  
19 300, MCL 257.803e, from the registration tax, or if the motor  
20 vehicle is registered under section 217d or 803f of the Michigan  
21 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.217d and 257.803f.

22           **(c) If the motor vehicle displays a municipal registration**  
23 **plate issued under section 224(3) of the Michigan vehicle code,**  
24 **1949 PA 300, MCL 257.224.**

25           **(d) At a state-operated public boating access site where there**  
26 **is an opportunity to fish on a day that the department has**  
27 **designated as a free winter fishing day or a free fishing day under**  
28 **section 43534.**

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

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