

SENATE BILL NO. 1060

November 07, 2024, Introduced by Senators CHANG and MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 803b (MCL 257.803b), as amended by 2023 PA 129.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803b. (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personalized
2 vehicle registration plate that must be used on the passenger motor
3 vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor home, hearse, bus,
4 trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is issued instead of
5 a standard plate. ~~Personalized plates must bear letters and numbers~~
6 ~~as the secretary of state prescribes.~~ The personalized plates must

1 be made of the same material as standard plates. A personalized
2 plate must not duplicate another registration plate. **Personalized**
3 **plates must bear letters and numbers as the secretary of state**
4 **prescribes. A personalized plate must not bear a configuration of**
5 **letters, numbers, or letters and numbers that conflicts with the**
6 **regular license plate numbering system or is any of the following:**

- 7 (a) Carrying a connotation that is profane or obscene.
- 8 (b) A swear word or the depiction of a swear word.
- 9 (c) Sexually explicit or graphic.
- 10 (d) Excretory-related.
- 11 (e) Used to describe an intimate body part or genitals.
- 12 (f) Used to describe alcohol, alcohol use, drugs, drug
13 culture, or drug use.
- 14 (g) Used to describe an illegal activity or illegal substance.
- 15 (h) Used to substantially interfere with plate identification
16 for law enforcement purposes.
- 17 (i) Used to disparage or promote or condone hate or violence
18 directed at any type of business, group, or persons.
- 19 (j) A foreign word that is substantially similar to a
20 configuration not permitted under subdivisions (a) to (i).

21 (2) An application for a personalized registration plate must
22 be submitted to the secretary of state under section 217.
23 Application for an original personalized registration plate must be
24 accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for the first
25 month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month of the
26 registration period in addition to the regular vehicle registration
27 fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be obtained by
28 requesting that option on the application and paying an additional
29 service fee of \$5.00. The original and duplicate service fees must

1 be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund
2 created in section 810b through October 1, 2027. Application for
3 the renewal of a personalized registration plate must be
4 accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to
5 the regular vehicle registration fee. The service fee must be
6 credited to the Michigan transportation fund established under, and
7 must be allocated as prescribed under, section 10 of 1951 PA 51,
8 MCL 247.660. The amount allocated to the state trunk line fund
9 established under section 11 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.661, must be
10 used by the state transportation department for litter pickup and
11 cleanup on state roads and rights-of-way.

12 (3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate
13 is as prescribed under section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal of
14 a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may issue
15 a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration. Upon
16 the renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of
17 state shall issue a new tab or tabs for the rear plate designating
18 the next expiration date of the plate. Upon renewal, the secretary
19 of state shall not issue the owner a new exact duplicate of the
20 expired plate unless the plate is illegible and the owner pays the
21 service fee and registration fee for an original personalized
22 registration plate.

23 (4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of
24 letters and numbers on a personalized plate must not be given to a
25 different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom the
26 plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date of the
27 plate.

28 (5) An applicant who applies for a registration plate under
29 section 217d, 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, or 803o is

1 eligible to request, and the secretary of state may issue, the
2 registration plate with a sequence of letters and numbers otherwise
3 authorized under this section.

4 (6) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a
5 person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a
6 personalized registration plate if the applicant's vehicle
7 registration may expire before receipt of the applicant's
8 personalized registration plate. The temporary registration is
9 valid for not more than 60 days after the date of issuance. The
10 temporary permit must be issued without a fee.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
12 unless Senate Bill No. 1061 of the 102nd Legislature is enacted
13 into law.