

HOUSE BILL NO. 5160

October 29, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Alexander, Outman, Frisbie, Kunse, Wortz, Prestin, Bohnak, Markkanen, Carra, Kelly, Bierlein, Neyer, Cavitt, Morgan and Bruck and referred to 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 2024 PA 133.

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.

3 (2) An application for a personalized registration plate must
4 be submitted to the secretary of state under section 217.

5 Application for an original personalized registration plate must be
6 accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for the first
7 month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month of the
8 registration period in addition to the regular vehicle registration
9 fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be obtained by
10 requesting that option on the application and paying an additional
11 service fee of \$5.00. The original and duplicate service fees must
12 be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund
13 created in section 810b through October 1, 2027. Application for
14 the renewal of a personalized registration plate must be
15 accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to
16 the regular vehicle registration fee. The service fee must be
17 credited to the Michigan transportation fund established under, and
18 must be allocated as prescribed under, section 10 of 1951 PA 51,
19 MCL 247.660. The amount allocated to the state trunk line fund
20 established under section 11 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.661, must be
21 used by the state transportation department for litter pickup and
22 cleanup on state roads and rights-of-way.

23 (3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate
24 is as prescribed under section 226. ~~Upon-On~~ the issuance or renewal
25 of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may
26 issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration.
27 ~~Upon-On~~ the renewal of a personalized registration plate, the
28 secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for the rear plate
29 designating the next expiration date of the plate. ~~Upon-On~~ renewal,

1 the secretary of state shall not issue the owner a new exact
 2 duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate is illegible and
 3 the owner pays the service fee and registration fee for an original
 4 personalized registration plate.

5 (4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of
 6 letters and numbers on a personalized plate must not be given to a
 7 different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom the
 8 plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date of the
 9 plate.

10 (5) **The secretary of state shall not issue a registration**
 11 **plate with a personalized sequence of letters and numbers to a**
 12 **registration plate issued under section 216(1)(d), 217a, 224, 226,**
 13 **226a, 226b, 244, 245, 801(1)(c), 801(1)(d), 801(1)(f), 801(1)(g),**
 14 **801(1)(h), 801(1)(k), 801(1)(l), 801(1)(o), 801(1)(q), 801e, 801g,**
 15 **801h, 802, 803, 803g, 803p, 803q, or 811g, or section 2 of 1960 PA**
 16 **2, MCL 257.972.**

17 (6) ~~(5) An~~ **Subject to subsection (5),** an applicant who applies
 18 for a registration plate under ~~section 217d, 803a, 803e, 803f,~~
 19 ~~803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, or 803o~~ **this act** is eligible to request, and
 20 the secretary of state may issue, the registration plate with a
 21 personalized sequence of letters and numbers authorized under this
 22 section.

23 (7) ~~(6)~~ The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to
 24 a person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a
 25 personalized registration plate if the applicant's vehicle
 26 registration may expire before receipt of the applicant's
 27 personalized registration plate. The temporary registration is
 28 valid for not more than 60 days after the date of issuance. The
 29 temporary permit must be issued without a fee.