

Truck Plates Available But State Boosts Costs

LANSING — The Michigan Department of State has begun collecting higher weight taxes on state-registered vehicles. Commercial plate sales began Oct. 1. Car plates sales don't start until Nov. 15, however.

The higher license plate fees were authorized by the Legislature as part of a good roads package adopted in the extra session of 1967.

THE PACKAGE ALSO INCLUDED a one-cent-per-gallon increase in the gasoline tax to seven cents, already in effect.

"Rates on passenger cars will go from 35 to 55 cents per hundred weight," Hare noted.

"But this simply restores a rate that dates back to 1925. The fee was cut to 35 cents per hundredweight in 1934 as a depression measure and has been in effect since."

The restoration of the 1925 rate will boost weight tax revenue

from passenger cars by about 27 per cent, or from \$42 million collected in 1967 to about \$56 million, Hare said.

The rate on trucks and other commercial vehicles will go up an average of 10 per cent. Rates for such vehicles, however, got two 10 per cent boosts—on heavy vehicles only in 1955 and on all vehicles in 1959—while passenger car rates remained unchanged.

UNDER THE NEW LAW, trucks weighing 8,000 pounds or less will continue to be charged on an empty-weight basis, which heretofore has applied to all highway haulers, regardless of size.

But heavier trucks and truck-trailer combinations will come under a new "elected vehicle weight" system, in effect with variations in 37 states.

In both cases, however, rates will rise approximately 10 per cent.

Under the elected vehicle

weight system, the commercial haulers weighing up to 130,000 pounds or more will specify the maximum loads they will carry. This maximum will be specified on stickers attached to the license plates.

Hare said the Branch Offices Division is now revamping its procedures and retraining personnel to meet the requirements of the new system.

UNDER THE NEW WEIGHT categories set up in the elected vehicle weight system, the heavy haulers will be charged fees ranging from \$150 for vehicles or combinations up to 24,000 pounds, including load, to \$980 for weights above 130,000 pounds.

The system is designed to reflect more accurately the total loads transported by the state, counties, and cities.

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LANSING — Michigan's snowmobile owners may now register their winter crafts in compliance with the state's new law.

Secretary of State James M.

Hare said that each branch office now had registration blanks. Fees are \$5 for a three-year cycle which begins in January of 1969.

According to Hare, all snowmobiles must be registered and numbered except those used by the owner on his own property exclusively.

Upon registering their snowmobiles, owners are assigned numbers, explains Hare. These assignments are to be painted or stenciled in a permanent manner on both sides of the forward half of the snowmobile in block numbers not less than three inches in height reading from left to right.

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE DRIVE TO SAFETY

SKIDDING WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF NEARLY 1 MILLION AUTO ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR, RESULTING IN OVER 20,000 DEATHS AND ABOUT 2 MILLION INJURED AND DISABLED.

SCIENTISTS HAVE FINALLY DEVELOPED A DEVICE TO HELP PREVENT SKIDDING. IT'S CALLED THE LEE STABILIZER, ROAD PILOT, AN ANTI-SKID AUTO STABILIZER. IT'S A COMPLETELY ENCLOSED INSTRUMENT THAT HOUSES A HORIZONTAL PNEUMATIC CYLINDER ANCHORED TO THE TRUNK, INSTANTLY AND AUTOMATICALLY RELAYING TO THE DRIVER MAINTAINING CONTROL ON OIL SLICKS, WET OR SNOWY ROADS, PANIC STOPPED CARS, BRAKES OUT AND CURVES.

HOW IT WORKS

WHEN A SKID STARTS, THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE GOES IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO THE POSITION OF THE STABILIZER. WHEN THIS POSITION IS REACHED, THE STABILIZER MOVES TO "PUSH" THE REAR END BACK TO A POSITION OF STABILITY. FIRE TRUCKS AND FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES ARE NOT INSTALLED WITH THE LEE STABILIZER. IT'S AN AUTO STABILIZER.

Completes Training

Marine Private John E. Varner, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Varner, 28355, Allendale, Westland, has completed four night weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, at San Diego, Cal. He will now undergo from two to four weeks of individual combat training and then, after leave at home, will report to his first Marine Corps assignment.

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