



HOUSE BILL No. 4807

May 20, 1993, Introduced by Reps. Randall, Johnson, McBryde, Bodem, Stille and Middleton and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 803m of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended

"Michigan vehicle code,"

as added by Act No. 111 of the Public Acts of 1989, being section 257.803m of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 803m of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts
2 of 1949, as added by Act No. 111 of the Public Acts of 1989,
3 being section 257.803m of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 803m. (1) The secretary of state may issue 2 special
6 organization motor vehicle registration plates to an applicant
7 for use on a passenger motor vehicle, pickup truck, van, or motor
8 home for which the plates are issued instead of standard plates.
9 A special organization motor vehicle registration plate is a

1 registration plate issued by the secretary of state that bears on
2 its face the symbol or emblem of an organization.

3 (2) Special organization plates shall bear letters and num-
4 bers as the secretary of state prescribes. Special organization
5 plates may contain the symbol of the organization to the left of
6 the plate number. The secretary of state shall not issue a
7 letter combination or permit the use of a symbol which might
8 carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency. The
9 special organization plates shall be made of the same material as
10 standard plates. Special organization plates shall not be a
11 duplication of another registration plate.

12 (3) In order to qualify its members to receive special orga-
13 nization plates, an organization shall meet all of the following
14 criteria:

15 (a) Be a nonprofit fraternal or public service
16 organization.

17 (b) Certify that it consists of not less than 500 members.
18 ~~and that not less than 500 members will apply for special orga-~~
19 ~~nization registration plates.~~

20 (c) Have a recognizable state, national, or international
21 symbol or emblem of the organization.

22 (d) Submit a service fee of \$500.00 for the initial manufac-
23 ture of the symbols or emblems for the special registration
24 plates.

25 (e) Not practice or influence others to practice any form of
26 discrimination prohibited by the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act,

1 Act No. 453 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 37.2101 to
2 37.2804 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

3 (4) If an organization meets the criteria set forth in sub-
4 section (3), the organization may request the secretary of state
5 to manufacture special organization registration plates for its
6 members. A request shall be accompanied by all of the
7 following:

8 (a) A copy of the organization's charter and bylaws, if
9 any.

10 (b) A statement of the organization's consent to use of the
11 organization's symbol or emblem on special organization plates.
12 The statement shall be signed by the president or chief executive
13 officer of the organization.

14 (c) A sample of the organization's symbol or emblem.

15 (d) The name of the organization's representative who will
16 serve as a contact person with the secretary of state.

17 (5) A member of an organization which has met the criteria
18 set forth in subsection (3) shall individually make application
19 for a special organization plate and submit with the application
20 the organization's confirmation of membership on a form provided
21 by the secretary of state. AN ORGANIZATION MAY OBTAIN APPLICA-
22 TIONS FOR SPECIAL ORGANIZATION PLATES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE
23 FOR THE USE OF ITS MEMBERS. THE ORGANIZATION MAY CHARGE ITS OWN
24 FEE TO A MEMBER FOR A SPECIAL ORGANIZATION PLATE WHICH FEE IS
25 PAYABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION BEFORE AN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED TO
26 THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS FEE IS IN ADDITION TO THE

1 REGISTRATION TAX REQUIRED BY THIS ACT AND THE SERVICE FEE IMPOSED
2 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6).

3 (6) An application for a special organization registration
4 plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to
5 the procedures prescribed in section 217. In addition to the
6 regular registration fee, each application for a new special
7 organization plate shall be accompanied by a service fee of
8 \$25.00. The service fee prescribed in this subsection shall not
9 be charged in connection with an application for a renewal tab
10 for an existing special organization plate. A special organi-
11 zation registration plate shall expire as provided in section
12 226.

13 (7) Each service fee collected under this section shall be
14 deposited in the state treasury and shall be credited to the
15 Michigan transportation fund. After deducting manufacturing and
16 administrative costs, the service fees shall be allocated pursu-
17 ant to section 10 of Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, being
18 section 247.660 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

19 (8) The secretary of state may issue a temporary registra-
20 tion permit to a person who submits an application and the proper
21 fees for a special organization plate, if the applicant's current
22 vehicle registration will expire before his or her receipt of an
23 organization plate. The temporary registration shall expire upon
24 the applicant's receipt of an organization plate or upon the
25 expiration of 60 days after the date of issuance, whichever
26 occurs first. A temporary permit issued under this subsection
27 shall be issued without charge.