



SENATE BILL No. 71

January 13, 1993, Introduced by Senator PRIDNIA and referred to the Committee on State Affairs and Military/Veteran Affairs.

A bill to amend section 803e of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 257.803e of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 803e of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts
2 of 1949, as amended by Act No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1988,
3 being section 257.803e of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 803e. (1) A person who has been a prisoner of war OR
6 THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR may ~~make~~
7 ~~application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a special
8 registration plate which shall be inscribed with special
9 identification numbers preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and shall

1 have the words "ex-prisoner of war" inscribed beneath the
2 registration number. THE SURVIVING SPOUSE PRIVILEGE CONFERRED BY
3 THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY ONLY UNTIL THE DEATH OR REMARRIAGE OF
4 THE SURVIVING SPOUSE.

5 (2) A person who was a member of the armed services during
6 World War I may ~~make application~~ APPLY to the secretary of
7 state for a special registration plate, which shall be inscribed
8 with special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI"
9 and shall have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath
10 the registration number.

11 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
12 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establish-
13 ment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived
14 the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may ~~make~~
15 ~~application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a special regis-
16 tration plate, which shall be inscribed with special identifica-
17 tion numbers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor"
18 inscribed beneath the registration number.

19 (4) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal
20 may ~~make application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a spe-
21 cial registration plate which shall be inscribed with special
22 identification numbers and shall have the words "combat wounded
23 veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. In addition,
24 the special registration plate described under this subsection
25 shall be inscribed with a vignette of the official purple heart
26 medal.

1 (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
2 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be
3 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner
4 of war OR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR, World War
5 I veteran, Pearl harbor survivor, or recipient of the purple
6 heart medal which the secretary of state may require. The appli-
7 cation for a special registration plate shall also be accompanied
8 with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

9 (6) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service
10 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special regis-
11 tration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
12 vehicle. A person who is handicapped who ~~makes application~~
13 APPLIES for a special registration plate under this section and
14 who ~~makes payment of~~ PAYS the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued
15 a handicapper tab as provided in section 803f for his or her spe-
16 cial registration plate. The secretary of state shall require
17 the same proof that the applicant is a handicapper as is required
18 for issuance of a permanent certificate of identification under
19 section 675. A person shall be entitled to 1 special registra-
20 tion plate issued under subsection (1) which shall be exempt from
21 payment of the tax provided in section 801. A person who is
22 issued an additional special registration plate under
23 subsection (1) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided for
24 in section 801. A person issued 1 or more special registration
25 plates under subsection (2), (3), or (4) shall be assessed the
26 applicable tax provided in section 801.

1 (7) The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle
2 other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a
3 person who does not qualify under this section, is a
4 misdemeanor.

5 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
6 shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in
7 which new plates are issued by the secretary of state.
8 Application for renewal of the special registration plate shall
9 be accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not
10 be required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (5).