



SENATE BILL No. 152

January 26, 1993, Introduced by Senator DILLINGHAM and referred to the Committee and State Affairs and Military/Veteran Affairs.

A bill to amend section 803f of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 222 of the Public Acts of 1986, being section 257.803f of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 803f of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts
2 of 1949, as amended by Act No. 222 of the Public Acts of 1986,
3 being section 257.803f of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 803f. (1) A ~~person who is a~~ totally disabled veteran
6 ~~with an honorable discharge~~ WHO WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED from
7 the armed services ~~may make an application to~~ AND WHO OWNS A
8 PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE MAY APPLY TO AND RECEIVE FROM the
9 secretary of state ~~if he or she owns a private passenger motor~~

1 ~~vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue~~ a special
2 registration plate ~~which shall be inscribed~~ THAT IS EITHER OF
3 THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) INSCRIBED with special identification numbers preceded
5 by the letters "DV" and ~~shall have~~ CONTAINING the words
6 "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number.
7 ~~For the purposes of this section, "private passenger motor~~
8 ~~vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is personally owned by the~~
9 ~~disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of trans-~~
10 ~~porting the disabled veteran and family members of the disabled~~
11 ~~veteran, but does not include a motor home.~~

12 (B) INSCRIBED WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (i) SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.

14 (ii) THE WORDS "COMBAT WOUNDED VETERAN" BENEATH THE REGIS-
15 TRATION NUMBER.

16 (iii) A VIGNETTE OF THE OFFICIAL PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

17 (2) ~~Application for the~~ A VETERAN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
18 (1) MAY APPLY FOR A special registration plate ~~shall be on~~
19 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) ONLY BY COMPLETING a form prescribed
20 by the secretary of state, ~~and shall be accompanied by~~ PAYING a
21 service fee of \$5.00 ~~and~~ AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, PROVIDING
22 proof that the applicant was honorably discharged from the armed
23 services, and PROVIDING PROOF OF either ~~1~~ of the following:

24 (a) That the applicant has been determined by the veterans'
25 administration of the federal government to have a
26 service-connected total or permanent total disability rating for
27 compensation.

1 (b) That the applicant has been determined to have a
2 service-connected total or permanent total disability rating and
3 is receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the uni-
4 formed armed services.

5 (3) A special registration issued under this section ~~shall~~
6 ~~be~~ IS exempt from payment of the tax provided in section 801.

7 (4) The special registration plate shall expire on the
8 birthday of the disabled veteran in a year in which new plates
9 are issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application~~ AN APPLICANT
10 for renewal of ~~the~~ A special registration plate shall ~~be~~
11 ~~accompanied by~~ PAY a \$5.00 service fee ~~—The applicant shall—~~
12 AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, AND IS not ~~be~~ required to furnish
13 the proof ~~provided~~ DESCRIBED in subsection (2).

14 (5) The secretary of state may issue to a handicapper who
15 has been issued a special registration plate under this section a
16 handicapper tab. The handicapper tab shall be an adhesive tab
17 displaying the international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable
18 facsimile of that symbol. The handicapper tab may be attached
19 only to the special registration plate issued to the handicapper
20 under this section.

21 (6) An application for a handicapper tab shall be on a form
22 prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state
23 shall require the same proof that the applicant is a handicapper
24 as is required for issuance of a permanent certificate of identi-
25 fication under section 675.

26 (7) The handicapper tab shall be issued free of charge.

1 (8) When a handicapper who has been issued a handicapper tab
2 renews his or her special registration plate under this section,
3 the secretary of state shall issue a new handicapper tab to the
4 handicapper, free of charge. The handicapper shall not be
5 required to again furnish the proof required under subsection
6 (6).

7 (9) The use of the special registration plate or a handicap-
8 per tab on a motor vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which
9 the special registration plate is issued, or by a person who does
10 not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

11 (10) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR
12 VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE, OTHER THAN A MOTOR HOME, THAT IS
13 PERSONALLY OWNED BY THE DISABLED VETERAN AND USED FOR THE PRIMARY
14 PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING THE DISABLED VETERAN AND FAMILY MEMBERS
15 OF THE DISABLED VETERAN.