

HOUSE BILL No. 4170

January 30, 1997, Introduced by Reps. Rhead, Llewellyn and McNutt and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 803e (MCL 257.803e), as amended by 1994 PA 104.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803e. (1) A person who has been a prisoner of war may
2 make application to the secretary of state for a special regis-
3 tration plate which shall be inscribed with special identifica-
4 tion numbers preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and shall have the
5 words "ex-prisoner of war" inscribed beneath the registration
6 number.

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

1 have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the
2 registration number.

3 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
4 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establish-
5 ment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived
6 the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may make
7 application to the secretary of state for a special registration
8 plate, which shall be inscribed with special identification num-
9 bers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" inscribed
10 beneath the registration number.

11 (4) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal
12 may make application to the secretary of state for a special reg-
13 istration plate which shall be inscribed with special identifica-
14 tion numbers and shall have the words "combat wounded veteran"
15 inscribed beneath the registration number. In addition, the spe-
16 cial registration plate described under this subsection shall be
17 inscribed with a vignette of the official purple heart medal.

18 (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
19 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
20 panied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of
21 war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of
22 the purple heart medal which the secretary of state may require.
23 The application for a special registration plate shall also be
24 accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

25 (6) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service
26 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
27 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger

1 vehicle. A person who is handicapped who makes application for a
2 special registration plate under this section and who makes pay-
3 ment of the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a handicapper tab
4 as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration
5 plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that
6 the applicant is a handicapper as is required for issuance of a
7 permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person is
8 entitled to 1 special registration plate issued under
9 subsection (1) OR SUBSECTION (4) which is exempt from payment of
10 the tax provided in section 801. A person who is issued an addi-
11 tional special registration plate under subsection (1) shall be
12 assessed the applicable tax provided for in section 801. A
13 person issued 1 or more special registration plates under
14 subsection (2) ~~—~~ OR (3) ~~—, or (4)~~ shall be assessed the appli-
15 cable tax provided in section 801.

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

20 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
21 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which
22 new plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for
23 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by
24 a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish
25 the proof provided in subsection (5).