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Introduced by Senators Schuette, Steil, Hammerstrom, Johnson, Schwarz, Jaye, Shugars, Bennett, Sikkema, Dunaskiss, Goschka, Stille, Gougeon, Van Regenmorter, Rogers, Byrum, McCotter, North, Young, Bullard, Cherry, DeBeaussaert, DeGrow, Dingell, Emerson, Emmons, Gast, Hart, Hoffman, Koivisto, Leland, McManus, Miller, Murphy, Peters, A. Smith, V. Smith and Vaughn

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 737

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending section 217d (MCL 257.217d), as added by 1980 PA 124.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 217d. (1) The secretary of state shall design and may issue a special congressional medal of honor registration plate for residents of this state awarded the congressional medal of honor.

(2) A special congressional medal of honor registration plate shall be issued only for 1 vehicle intended for personal use by the applicant.

(3) A person who is a recipient of the congressional medal of honor may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate under this section on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, which shall be accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a congressional medal of honor recipient that the secretary of state may require. The secretary of state shall waive the \$5.00 service fee requirement under section 804.

(4) A person who qualifies to be issued a special registration plate under this section is entitled to only 1 special registration plate issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from payment of the tax provided in section 801.

(5) A person with disabilities who applies for a special registration plate under this section shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant is disabled as is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675.

(6) A special registration plate issued under subsection (1) expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new plates are issued by the secretary of state.

(7) The secretary of state shall deliver or cause to be delivered 1 or more special registration plates issued under this section to the home address of the applicant at no additional cost to the applicant.

(8) The secretary of state shall develop and, upon application, may issue a Michigan veterans memorial registration plate to an applicant for use on the passenger motor vehicle, pickup truck, van, motor home, hearse, bus, trailer coach, or trailer for which the registration plate is issued instead of a standard registration plate. Michigan veterans memorial registration plates shall bear letters and numbers that the secretary of state prescribes. The plate shall be of a design as determined by the secretary of state. The word "Michigan" shall appear on each Michigan veterans memorial registration plate.

(9) An application for a Michigan veterans memorial registration plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to the procedures prescribed in section 217. Application for an original or renewal Michigan veterans memorial registration plate shall be accompanied with payment of the regular vehicle registration tax in addition to the following:

(a) For an original Michigan veterans memorial registration plate, a donation of \$25.00 and a service fee of not more than \$10.00, as determined by the secretary of state.

(b) For a renewal Michigan veterans memorial registration plate, a service fee of \$10.00.

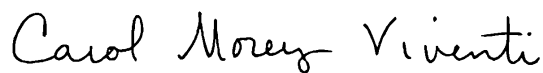
(10) A Michigan veterans memorial registration plate shall expire as described in section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal of a Michigan veterans memorial registration plate, the secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration.

(11) The secretary of state may issue a temporary registration permit to a person who submits an application and the proper payments for a Michigan veterans memorial registration plate if the applicant's current vehicle registration will expire before his or her receipt of a Michigan veterans memorial registration plate. The temporary registration shall expire upon receipt of a Michigan veterans memorial registration plate or 60 days after the issuance of a Michigan veterans memorial registration plate, whichever occurs first. The temporary permit shall be issued without a separate fee.

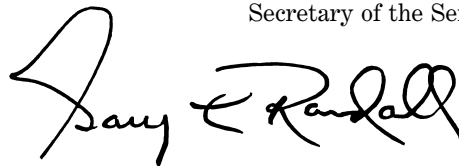
(12) Michigan veterans memorial registration plate service fees collected under this section by the secretary of state shall be identified and segregated by the secretary of state into a separate account. After deducting the manufacturing and administrative costs of the secretary of state, including administrative costs associated with issuing, replacing, and substituting plates, the secretary of state shall on a quarterly basis transfer all of the donations and the balance of the Michigan veterans memorial registration plate service fees to the state treasurer who shall credit the fee money to the Vietnam veterans memorial monument fund created in section 3 of the Michigan Vietnam veterans memorial act, 1988 PA 234, MCL 35.1053. These funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes described in sections 5 and 7 of the Michigan Vietnam veterans memorial act, 1988 PA 234, MCL 35.1055 and 35.1057.

(13) For purposes of this section, "Michigan veterans memorial registration plate" means a registration plate containing a specialized design pertaining to Michigan veterans.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved _____

Governor.