

# HOUSE BILL No. 4330

March 12, 2003, Introduced by Rep. Woronchak and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 803e (MCL 257.803e), as amended by 1998 PA  
68.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 803e. (1) A person who has been a prisoner of war **or a**  
2 **person whose spouse has been a prisoner of war** may make  
3 application to the secretary of state for a special registration  
4 plate which shall be inscribed with special identification  
5 numbers preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and shall have the words  
6 "ex-prisoner of war" inscribed beneath the registration 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  
5 establishment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who  
6 survived the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941  
7 may make application to the secretary of state for a special  
8 registration plate, which shall be inscribed with special  
9 identification numbers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor  
10 survivor" inscribed beneath the registration number.

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

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

26 (6) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service  
27 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special

1 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger  
2 vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a  
3 special registration plate under this section and who makes  
4 payment of the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a tab for  
5 persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or  
6 her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall  
7 require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as  
8 is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under  
9 section 675. ~~[A person]~~ **One person in any household** is entitled to 1  
special registration  
10 plate issued under subsection (1) ~~which~~ **that** is exempt from  
11 payment of the tax provided in section 801. ~~[A]~~ **The** person who is  
12 issued an additional special registration plate under  
13 subsection (1) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided for  
14 in section 801. A person issued 1 or more special registration  
15 plates under subsection (2), (3), or (4) shall be assessed the  
16 applicable tax provided in section 801.

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

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