

SENATE BILL No. 149

February 2, 2005, Introduced by Senators TOY, BIRKHOLZ, BROWN, BASHAM, HARDIMAN, McMANUS, GARCIA, ALLEN, GOSCHKA, OLSHOVE, KUIPERS and JACOBS and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, and 803o (MCL 257.803e, 257.803f, 257.803j, 257.803k, 257.803l, 257.803n, and 257.803o), section 803e as amended by 2003 PA 30, section 803f as amended by 1998 PA 68, sections 803j, 803k, 803n, and 803o as amended by 1999 PA 183, and section 803l as amended by 2000 PA 77.

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 application
 3 to the secretary of state for a special registration plate, which
 4 shall be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by
 5 the letters "EX-POW" and shall have the words "ex-prisoner of war"

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1 inscribed beneath the registration number.

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

8 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
9 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establishment
10 at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived the
11 attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may ~~make~~
12 ~~application~~ **APPLY** 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 "Pearl Harbor
15 survivor" inscribed beneath the registration number.

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

24 (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
25 form prescribed by the secretary of state — and shall be
26 accompanied by ~~any~~ proof ~~of~~ **SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY OF**
27 **STATE THAT** the applicant ~~having been~~ **IS OR WAS** a prisoner of war,

1 World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of the
2 purple heart medal. ~~that the secretary of state may require.~~ The
3 application for a special registration plate shall also be
4 accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

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

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

26 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
27 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new

1 plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for
2 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
3 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to **AGAIN** furnish
4 the proof ~~provided in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** subsection (5).

5 Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a totally disabled veteran with
6 an honorable discharge from the armed services may ~~make an~~
7 ~~application~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of state if he or she owns a
8 private passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may
9 issue a special registration plate, which shall be inscribed with
10 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and
11 shall have the words "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the
12 registration number. For the purposes of this section, "private
13 passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle ~~which~~ **THAT** is
14 personally owned by the disabled veteran and is used for the
15 primary purpose of transporting the disabled veteran and family
16 members of the disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

17 (2) Application for the special registration plate shall be on
18 a form prescribed by the secretary of state ~~—~~ and shall be
19 accompanied by a service fee of \$5.00 and proof **SATISFACTORY TO THE**
20 **SECRETARY OF STATE** that the applicant was honorably discharged from
21 the armed services and either 1 of the following:

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

26 (b) That the applicant has been determined to have a service-
27 connected total or permanent total disability rating and is

1 receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed
2 armed services.

3 (3) A special registration issued under this section is exempt
4 from payment of the tax provided in section 801.

5 (4) The special registration plate ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on
6 the birthday of the disabled veteran in a year in which new plates
7 are issued by the secretary of state. Application for renewal of
8 the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a \$5.00
9 service fee. The applicant ~~shall~~ **IS** not ~~be~~ required to **AGAIN**
10 furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** subsection (2).

11 (5) The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person who
12 has been issued a special registration plate under this section a
13 tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with
14 disabilities shall be an adhesive tab displaying the international
15 wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab
16 for persons with disabilities may be attached only to the special
17 registration plate issued to the disabled person under this
18 section.

19 (6) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
20 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
21 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant
22 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent
23 windshield placard under section 675.

24 (7) The tab for persons with disabilities shall be issued free
25 of charge.

26 (8) When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for
27 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration

1 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new
 2 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of
 3 charge. The disabled person shall not be required to again furnish
 4 the proof required under subsection (6).

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

9 Sec. 803j. (1) A person who was a member of the armed services
 10 or a person whose spouse was a member of the armed forces during
 11 the Korean War may ~~make application~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of
 12 state for a special registration plate, which shall display an
 13 appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and shall
 14 have the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

15 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
 16 form prescribed by the secretary of state — and shall be
 17 accompanied by ~~any~~ proof ~~of~~ **SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY OF**
 18 **STATE THAT** the applicant or the applicant's spouse ~~having been~~ **IS**
 19 **OR WAS** a Korean War veteran. ~~that the secretary of state may~~
 20 ~~require.~~ The application for a special registration plate shall
 21 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

22 (3) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service
 23 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
 24 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
 25 vehicle. A person who is disabled who ~~makes application~~ **APPLIES**
 26 for a special registration plate under this section and who ~~makes~~
 27 ~~payment of~~ **PAYS** the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a tab for

1 persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or
2 her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall
3 require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as
4 is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under
5 section 675. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates
6 under subsection (1) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided
7 in section 801.

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

11 (5) The special registration plate issued under this section
12 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When
13 new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for
14 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
15 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant ~~shall~~ **IS** not ~~be~~ required to
16 **AGAIN** furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** subsection
17 (2).

18 Sec. 803k. (1) A person who was a member of the armed services
19 during the Vietnam War or a person whose spouse was a member of the
20 armed services during the Vietnam War may ~~make application~~ **APPLY**
21 to the secretary of state for a special registration plate, which
22 shall display an appropriate vignette preceding the registration
23 numbers and shall have the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the
24 registration numbers.

25 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
26 form prescribed by the secretary of state — and shall be
27 accompanied by ~~any~~ proof ~~of~~ **SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY OF**

1 **STATE THAT** the applicant or applicant's spouse ~~having been~~ **IS OR**
2 **WAS** a Vietnam War veteran. ~~that the secretary of state may~~
3 ~~require.~~ The application for a special registration plate shall
4 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

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

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

21 (5) The special registration plate issued under this section
22 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When
23 new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for
24 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
25 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant ~~shall~~ **IS** not ~~be~~ required to
26 **AGAIN** furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** subsection
27 (2).

1 Sec. 803l. (1) A person who was a member of the armed services
2 during World War II or a person whose spouse was a member of the
3 armed services during World War II may ~~make application~~ **APPLY** to
4 the secretary of state for a special registration plate, which
5 shall display an appropriate vignette preceding the registration
6 numbers and shall have the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the
7 registration numbers.

8 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
9 form prescribed by the secretary of state ~~—~~ and shall be
10 accompanied by ~~any~~ proof ~~of~~ **SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY OF**
11 **STATE THAT** the applicant or applicant's spouse ~~having been~~ **IS OR**
12 **WAS** a World War II veteran. ~~that the secretary of state may~~
13 ~~require.~~ The application for a special registration plate shall
14 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

15 (3) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service
16 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 special registration
17 plate for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person
18 who is disabled who ~~makes application~~ **APPLIES** for a special
19 registration plate under this section and who ~~makes payment of~~
20 **PAYS** the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with
21 disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special
22 registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same
23 proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for
24 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A
25 person issued a special registration plate under subsection (1)
26 shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

27 (4) The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle other

1 than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who
2 does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

3 (5) The special registration plate issued under this section
4 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When
5 new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for
6 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
7 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant ~~shall~~ **IS** not ~~be~~ required to
8 **AGAIN** furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** subsection
9 (2).

10 Sec. 803n. (1) A person who was a member or a person whose
11 spouse was a member of the Michigan national guard, the United
12 States armed forces reserve, or any branch of the armed services of
13 the United States and who was called to active duty during the
14 Persian Gulf War may apply to the secretary of state for a special
15 registration plate, which shall display an appropriate vignette
16 preceding the registration numbers and shall have the word
17 "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

18 (2) A person who was a member or a person whose spouse was a
19 member of the armed services during the conflict in Grenada, the
20 conflict in Panama, or the conflict in Lebanon may apply to the
21 secretary of state for a special registration plate, which shall
22 display an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers
23 and shall have the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the
24 registration numbers.

25 (3) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
26 form prescribed by the secretary of state — and shall be
27 accompanied by ~~any~~ proof ~~of~~ **SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY OF**

1 **STATE THAT** the applicant or applicant's spouse ~~having been~~ **IS OR**
2 **WAS** a war or conflict veteran. ~~that the secretary of state may~~
3 ~~require.~~ The application for a special registration plate shall
4 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

5 (4) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service
6 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
7 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
8 vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special
9 registration plate under this section and who pays the \$5.00
10 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as
11 provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate.
12 The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the
13 applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a
14 permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1
15 or more special registration plates under subsection (1) or (2)
16 shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

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

20 (6) The special registration plate issued under this section
21 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When
22 new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for
23 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
24 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant ~~shall~~ **IS** not ~~be~~ required to
25 **AGAIN** furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** subsection
26 (3).

27 Sec. 803o. (1) On and after December 18, 1992, a person who

1 was a member or a person whose spouse was a member of the Michigan
2 national guard, the United States armed forces reserve, or any
3 branch of the armed services of the United States and who was
4 called to active duty during a declared war or an armed conflict in
5 which the United States was a participant may apply to the
6 secretary of state for a special registration plate, which shall
7 display an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers
8 and shall have the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the
9 registration numbers.

10 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
11 form prescribed by the secretary of state — and shall be
12 accompanied by ~~any~~ proof ~~of~~ **SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY OF**
13 **STATE THAT** the applicant or applicant's spouse ~~having been~~ **IS OR**
14 **WAS** a veteran of a declared war or an armed conflict in which the
15 United States was a participant. ~~that the secretary of state may~~
16 ~~require.~~ The application for a special registration plate shall
17 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

18 (3) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service
19 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
20 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
21 vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special
22 registration plate under this section and who pays the \$5.00
23 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as
24 provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate.
25 The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the
26 applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a
27 permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1

1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1) shall be
2 assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

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

6 (5) The special registration plate issued under this section
7 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When
8 new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for
9 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
10 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant ~~shall~~ **IS** not ~~be~~ required to
11 **AGAIN** furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** subsection
12 (2).