

HOUSE BILL No. 4889

June 7, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Caswell, Moore, Stahl, Green, Horn, Nitz, Hansen, Nofs and Dean and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
 "Michigan vehicle code,"
 by amending section 803m (MCL 257.803m), as amended by 2003 PA 152.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803m. (1) The secretary of state may issue 2 special
 2 organization motor vehicle registration plates to an applicant for
 3 use on a passenger motor vehicle, pickup truck, van, **MOTORCYCLE**, or
 4 motor home for which the plates are issued instead of standard
 5 plates. A special organization motor vehicle registration plate is
 6 a registration plate issued by the secretary of state that bears on
 7 its face the symbol or emblem of an organization.

8 (2) Special organization **REGISTRATION** plates shall bear
 9 letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes. Special
 10 organization **REGISTRATION** plates may contain the symbol of the

1 organization to the left of the plate number. The secretary of
2 state shall not issue a letter combination or permit the use of a
3 symbol ~~which~~**THAT** might carry a connotation offensive to good taste
4 and decency. The special organization **REGISTRATION** plates shall be
5 made of the same material as standard **REGISTRATION** plates. Special
6 organization **REGISTRATION** plates shall not be a duplication of
7 another registration plate.

8 (3) In order to qualify its members to receive special
9 organization **REGISTRATION** plates, an organization shall meet all of
10 the following criteria:

11 (a) Be a nonprofit fraternal or public service organization.

12 (b) Certify that it consists of not less than 500 members and
13 that not less than 500 members will apply for special organization
14 registration plates.

15 (c) Have a recognizable state, national, or international
16 symbol or emblem of the organization.

17 (d) Submit a service fee of \$500.00 for the initial
18 manufacture of the symbols or emblems for the special **ORGANIZATION**
19 registration plates.

20 (e) Not practice or influence others to practice any form of
21 discrimination prohibited by the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act,
22 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101 to 37.2804.

23 (4) If an organization meets the criteria set forth in
24 subsection (3), the organization may request the secretary of state
25 to manufacture special organization registration plates for its
26 members. A request shall be accompanied by all of the following:

27 (a) A copy of the organization's charter and bylaws, if any.

1 (b) A statement of the organization's consent to use of the
2 organization's symbol or emblem on special organization
3 **REGISTRATION** plates. The statement shall be signed by the president
4 or chief executive officer of the organization.

5 (c) A sample of the organization's symbol or emblem.

6 (d) The name of the organization's representative who will
7 serve as a contact person with the secretary of state.

8 (5) A member of an organization ~~which~~**THAT** has met the
9 criteria set forth in subsection (3) shall individually ~~make~~
10 ~~application~~**APPLY** for a special organization **REGISTRATION** plate and
11 submit with the application the organization's confirmation of
12 membership on a form provided by the secretary of state.

13 (6) An application for a special organization registration
14 plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state ~~pursuant~~
15 **ACCORDING** to the procedures prescribed in section 217. In addition
16 to the regular registration fee, each application for a new special
17 organization **REGISTRATION** plate shall be accompanied by a service
18 fee of \$25.00. The service fee prescribed in this subsection shall
19 not be charged in connection with an application for a renewal tab
20 for an existing special organization **REGISTRATION** plate. A special
21 organization registration plate ~~shall expire~~**EXPIRES** as provided in
22 section 226.

23 (7) The secretary of state may issue a temporary registration
24 permit to a person who submits an application and the proper fees
25 for a special organization plate, if the applicant's current
26 vehicle registration will expire before his or her receipt of ~~an~~**A**
27 **SPECIAL** organization **REGISTRATION** plate. The temporary registration

1 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** upon the applicant's receipt of an ~~an~~ **A SPECIAL**
2 organization **REGISTRATION** plate or upon the expiration of 60 days
3 after the date of issuance, whichever occurs first. A temporary
4 permit issued under this subsection shall be issued without charge.
5 ~~—— (8) This section shall apply to an organization described in~~
6 ~~section 811c only to the extent provided by section 811c.~~