

HOUSE BILL No. 5256

August 19, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Meltzer, Rick Jones, Calley, Hansen, Bolger, Schuitmaker, DeShazor, Tyler and Haines 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 2003 PA 30.

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 **THAT** shall be inscribed with special identification numbers
5 preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and shall have the words "ex-
6 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~~ **THAT** shall be inscribed with

1 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and
2 shall have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the
3 registration number.

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

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

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

27 (6) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service

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

18 (7) 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 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
22 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new
23 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 is not required to furnish the
26 proof provided in subsection (5).