

# HOUSE BILL No. 5595

November 12, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Bolger, Tyler, Wayne Schmidt, Kowall, Stamas, Daley, Kurtz, Paul Scott, Horn, Moore, Opsommer and Agema and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 803e, 803i, 803j, 803k, and 803l (MCL 257.803e, 257.803i, 257.803j, 257.803k, and 257.803l), section 803e as amended by 2003 PA 30, section 803i as amended by 1998 PA 68, sections 803j and 803k 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 **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.

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

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

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

23           (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a  
24 form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accompanied  
25 by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of war, World  
26 War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of the purple  
27 heart medal that the secretary of state may require. ~~The~~

1 ~~application for a special registration plate shall also be~~  
2 ~~accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee. THE SECRETARY OF~~  
3 **STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION**  
4 **PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

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

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

25 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section  
26 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new  
27 plates are issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application for~~

1 ~~renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a~~  
2 ~~\$5.00 service fee. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A~~  
3 ~~SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE RENEWED UNDER THIS~~  
4 ~~SUBSECTION.~~ The applicant is not required to furnish the proof  
5 provided in subsection (5).

6       Sec. 803i. (1) A person who was or is a member of the national  
7 guard may apply to the secretary of state for a special  
8 registration plate ~~, which~~ **THAT** shall display an appropriate  
9 vignette preceding the registration numbers and shall have the  
10 words "national guard" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

11       (2) A person who was or is a member of the military reserve  
12 may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration  
13 plate ~~, which~~ **THAT** shall display an appropriate vignette preceding  
14 the registration numbers.

15       (3) A person who was a member of any branch of the armed  
16 services of the United States, who has retired or been granted an  
17 honorable discharge from that branch of the armed forces, and who  
18 is not otherwise eligible for a special registration plate under  
19 this act may apply to the secretary of state for a special  
20 registration plate ~~which~~ **THAT** shall display an appropriate vignette  
21 preceding the registration numbers.

22       (4) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a  
23 form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be accompanied  
24 by any proof of the applicant being or having been a member of the  
25 national guard or military reserve or a member of any branch of the  
26 armed services of the United States as described in subsection (3)  
27 that the secretary of state may require. ~~The application for a~~

1 ~~special registration plate shall also be accompanied with payment~~  
2 ~~of a \$5.00 service fee. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A~~  
3 ~~SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS~~  
4 ~~SECTION.~~

5 (5) 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), (2), or  
16 (3) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

17 (6) 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 (7) The special registration plate issued under this section  
21 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~When new~~  
22 ~~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 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A~~  
25 ~~SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE RENEWED UNDER THIS~~  
26 ~~SUBSECTION.~~ The applicant shall not be required to furnish the  
27 proof provided in subsection (4) **WITH AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF**

1 **THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.**

2       Sec. 803j. (1) A person who was a member of the armed services  
3 or a person whose spouse was a member of the armed forces during  
4 the Korean War may make application to the secretary of state for a  
5 special registration plate ~~which~~**THAT** shall display an  
6 appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and shall  
7 have the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the 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 accompanied  
10 by any proof of the applicant or the applicant's spouse having been  
11 a Korean War veteran that the secretary of state may require. ~~The~~  
12 ~~application for a special registration plate shall also be~~  
13 ~~accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~**THE SECRETARY OF**  
14 **STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL PLATE ISSUED**  
15 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

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

1 section 801.

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

5 (5) The special registration plate issued under this section  
6 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~When new~~  
7 ~~plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for~~  
8 ~~renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a~~  
9 ~~\$5.00 service fee.~~ **THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A**  
10 **SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.** The  
11 applicant shall not be required to furnish the proof provided in  
12 subsection (2).

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

20 (2) 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 or applicant's spouse having been a  
23 Vietnam War veteran that the secretary of state may require. ~~The~~  
24 ~~application for a special registration plate shall also be~~  
25 ~~accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~ **THE SECRETARY OF**  
26 **STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION**  
27 **PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

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

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

17           (5) The special registration plate issued under this section  
18 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~When new~~  
19 ~~plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for~~  
20 ~~renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a~~  
21 ~~\$5.00 service fee.~~ **THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A**  
22 **SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE RENEWED UNDER THIS**  
23 **SECTION.** The applicant shall not be required to furnish the proof  
24 provided in subsection (2).

25           Sec. 803l. (1) A person who was a member of the armed services  
26 during World War II or a person whose spouse was a member of the  
27 armed services during World War II may make application to the

1 secretary of state for a special registration plate ~~, which~~ **THAT**  
2 shall display an appropriate vignette preceding the registration  
3 numbers and shall have the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the  
4 registration numbers.

5 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a  
6 form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accompanied  
7 by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having been a  
8 World War II veteran that the secretary of state may require. ~~The~~  
9 ~~application for a special registration plate shall also be~~  
10 ~~accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~ **THE SECRETARY OF**  
11 **STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION**  
12 **PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

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

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

1           (5) The special registration plate issued under this section  
2 ~~shall expire~~ **EXPIRES** on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~When new~~  
3 ~~plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for~~  
4 ~~renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a~~  
5 ~~\$5.00 service fee.~~ **THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A**  
6 **SERVICE FEE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE RENEWED UNDER THIS**  
7 **SECTION.** The applicant shall not be required to furnish the proof  
8 provided in subsection (2).