

# HOUSE BILL No. 4293

February 20, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Glardon, Franz, MacMaster, Callton and Hovey-Wright and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
 "Michigan vehicle code,"  
 by amending section 803e (MCL 257.803e), as amended by 2011 PA 46.

**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 **APPLY** to the secretary of state for a special registration plate  
 4 ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with special identification numbers  
 5 preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and ~~shall have~~ **WITH** 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~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of state  
 9 for a special registration plate ~~, that shall be~~ inscribed with

1 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and  
2 ~~shall have~~ **WITH** the words "World War I veteran" ~~inscribed~~ beneath  
3 the 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~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of state for a special  
9 registration plate, ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with special  
10 identification numbers and ~~shall have~~ **WITH** the words "Pearl Harbor  
11 survivor" ~~inscribed~~ beneath the registration number.

12 (4) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal may  
13 ~~make application~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of state for a special  
14 registration plate ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with special  
15 identification numbers and ~~shall have~~ **WITH** the words "combat  
16 wounded veteran" ~~inscribed~~ beneath the registration number. In  
17 addition, the special registration plate described under this  
18 subsection shall be inscribed with a vignette of the official  
19 purple heart 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 A** recipient of the purple  
24 heart medal that the secretary of state ~~may require.~~ **REQUIRES.**  
25 Application for a "Gold Star Family" special registration plate  
26 described in subsection (9) shall be on a form prescribed by the  
27 secretary of state and shall be accompanied by any proof of the

1 applicant having been a gold star family member that the secretary  
2 of state ~~may require~~. **REQUIRES**. The application for a special  
3 registration plate **UNDER SUBSECTION (1), (2), (3), OR (9)** shall  
4 also be accompanied ~~with payment of~~ **BY** a \$5.00 service fee.

5 (6) Upon proper application and payment of ~~the \$5.00~~ **ANY**  
6 **REQUIRED** service fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more  
7 special registration plates for each applicant for use on a  
8 passenger vehicle. A person who is disabled ~~who makes application~~  
9 ~~for a special registration plate under this section and who makes~~  
10 ~~payment of the \$5.00 service fee shall~~ **ALSO** 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 **WHO IS** issued 1 or more special registration plates  
21 under subsection (2), (3), (4), or (9) shall be assessed the  
22 applicable tax 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~~ **A** special registration plate **ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION**  
3 **(1), (2), (3), OR (9)** shall be accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee.  
4 The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in  
5 subsection (5).

6 (9) A gold star family member may ~~make application~~ **APPLY** to  
7 the secretary of state for a special registration plate ~~that shall~~  
8 ~~be~~ inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a gold  
9 star ~~and shall have~~ **WITH** the words "Gold Star Family" ~~inscribed~~  
10 beneath the registration number.

11 (10) As used in this section, "gold star family member" means  
12 a person who has had an immediate family member die while serving  
13 in the United States armed forces or in forces incorporated as part  
14 of the United States armed forces if the immediate family member  
15 meets any of the eligibility criteria specified in 10 USC  
16 1126(a) (1) to (3) for a gold star lapel button.