

Legislative Analysis



DISABLED VETERANS REGISTRATION PLATE: ALLOW SURVIVING SPOUSE TO USE AND RENEW

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House Bill 4319 as enacted
Public Act 681 of 2018
Sponsor: Rep. Curtis S. VanderWall
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
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SUMMARY:

Under the Michigan Vehicle Code, a totally disabled veteran with an honorable discharge may apply to the Secretary of State for a special registration plate inscribed with the letters “DV” and with “disabled veteran” inscribed beneath the registration number.

House Bill 4319 allows the surviving spouse of a totally disabled veteran with an honorable discharge to use a special registration plate after the veteran’s death and to renew the plate in the same manner as provided for a totally disabled veteran. A surviving spouse must apply for registration of the vehicle before using or renewing the plate.

A surviving spouse who is disabled may apply for a tab for persons with disabilities in the same manner as a totally disabled veteran.

The bill takes effect June 26, 2019.

MCL 257.803f

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill could have a slight fiscal impact on the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). Vehicles registered with a Disabled Veteran license plate are exempted from the applicable vehicle registration fee. Assuming that a disabled veteran’s spouse opts for the Disabled Veteran registration plate, the bill would extend the period of time vehicles could be registered with no fee, thereby reducing the amount of revenue that would have otherwise been deposited in the MTF. The MTF funds various agencies and local governments to help support road maintenance and various other goals.

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