

HOUSE BILL No. 5239

November 9, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Kahle, Wentworth, Marino and Inman 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~~ 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
10 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and

1 ~~shall have~~ the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the
2 registration number.

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

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

19 (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
20 form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accompanied
21 by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of war, World
22 War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, recipient of the ~~purple heart~~
23 **PURPLE HEART** medal that the secretary of state may require.
24 Application for a "Gold Star Family" special registration plate
25 described in subsection (9) shall be on a form prescribed by the
26 secretary of state and shall be accompanied by any proof of the
27 applicant having been a gold star family member that the secretary

1 of state may require. The application for a special registration
2 plate shall also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service
3 fee.

4 (6) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service
5 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
6 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
7 vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a
8 special registration plate under this section and who makes payment
9 of the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with
10 disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special
11 registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same
12 proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for
13 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. One
14 person in any household is entitled to 1 special registration plate
15 issued under subsection (1) **OR (9)** that is exempt from payment of
16 the tax provided in section 801. The person who is issued an
17 additional special registration plate under subsection (1) **OR (9)**
18 shall be assessed the applicable tax provided for in section 801. A
19 person issued 1 or more special registration plates under
20 subsection (2), (3), **OR (4)** ~~, or (9)~~ shall be assessed the
21 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 applicant is not required to furnish the
3 proof provided in subsection (5).

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

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

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
17 after the date it is enacted into law.