

HOUSE BILL No. 5528

February 7, 2018, Introduced by Rep. Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 217d, 803e, and 803f (MCL 257.217d, 257.803e, and 257.803f), section 217d as amended by 2006 PA 562, section 803e as amended by 2011 PA 46, and section 803f as amended by 1998 PA 68.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 217d. (1) The secretary of state shall design and may
2 issue a special congressional medal of honor registration plate for
3 residents of this state awarded the congressional medal of honor.

4 (2) A special congressional medal of honor registration plate
5 shall be issued only for 1 vehicle intended for personal use by the

1 applicant.

2 (3) A person who is a recipient of the congressional medal of
3 honor may apply to the secretary of state for a special
4 registration plate under this section on a form prescribed by the
5 secretary of state, which shall be accompanied by any proof of the
6 applicant having been a congressional medal of honor recipient that
7 the secretary of state may require. The secretary of state shall
8 waive the \$5.00 service fee requirement under section 804.

9 (4) A person who qualifies to be issued a special registration
10 plate under this section is entitled to only 1 special registration
11 plate issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from payment of
12 the tax provided in section 801.

13 (5) A person with disabilities who applies for a special
14 registration plate under this section shall be issued a tab for
15 persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or
16 her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall
17 require the same proof that the applicant is disabled as is
18 required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under
19 section 675.

20 (6) A special registration plate issued under subsection (1)
21 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new
22 plates are issued by the secretary of state.

23 (7) The secretary of state shall deliver or cause to be
24 delivered 1 or more special registration plates issued under this
25 section to the home address of the applicant at no additional cost
26 to the applicant.

27 **(8) IN LIEU OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, THE SECRETARY OF**

1 STATE SHALL ISSUE UPON REQUEST A STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATE TO A
2 PERSON WHO QUALIFIES TO BE ISSUED A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
3 UNDER THIS SECTION. A STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS
4 SUBSECTION IS EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF THE TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION
5 801, AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A SERVICE FEE FOR
6 THE ISSUANCE OF THE PLATE.

7 Sec. 803e. (1) A person who has been a prisoner of war or a
8 person whose spouse has been a prisoner of war may make application
9 to the secretary of state for a special registration plate that
10 shall be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by
11 the letters "EX-POW" and shall have the words "ex-prisoner of war"
12 inscribed beneath the registration number.

13 (2) A person who was a member of the armed services during
14 World War I may make application to the secretary of state for a
15 special registration plate, that shall be inscribed with special
16 identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and shall have
17 the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the registration
18 number.

19 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
20 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establishment
21 at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived the
22 attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may make
23 application to the secretary of state for a special registration
24 plate, that shall be inscribed with special identification numbers
25 and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" inscribed beneath
26 the registration number.

27 (4) A person who is a recipient of the ~~purple heart medal~~

1 **PURPLE HEART MEDAL** may make application to the secretary of state
2 for a special registration plate that shall be inscribed with
3 special identification numbers and shall have the words "combat
4 wounded veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. In
5 addition, the special registration plate described under this
6 subsection shall be inscribed with a vignette of the official
7 ~~purple heart medal.~~ **PURPLE HEART MEDAL.**

8 (5) 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 having been a prisoner of war, World
11 War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, recipient of the ~~purple heart~~
12 ~~medal~~ **PURPLE HEART MEDAL** that the secretary of state may require.
13 Application for a "Gold Star Family" special registration plate
14 described in subsection (9) shall be on a form prescribed by the
15 secretary of state and shall be accompanied by any proof of the
16 applicant having been a gold star family member that the secretary
17 of state may require. The application for a special registration
18 plate shall also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service
19 fee.

20 (6) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service
21 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
22 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
23 vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a
24 special registration plate under this section and who makes payment
25 of the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with
26 disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special
27 registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same

1 proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for
2 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. One
3 person in any household is entitled to 1 special registration plate
4 issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from payment of the tax
5 provided in section 801. The person who is issued an additional
6 special registration plate under subsection (1) shall be assessed
7 the applicable tax provided for in section 801. A person issued 1
8 or more special registration plates under subsection (2), (3), (4),
9 or (9) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in section
10 801.

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

14 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
15 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new
16 plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for
17 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
18 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish the
19 proof provided in subsection (5).

20 (9) A gold star family member may make application to the
21 secretary of state for a special registration plate that shall be
22 inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a gold
23 star and shall have the words "Gold Star Family" inscribed beneath
24 the registration number.

25 **(10) IN LIEU OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, THE SECRETARY OF**
26 **STATE SHALL ISSUE UPON REQUEST A STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATE TO A**
27 **PERSON WHO QUALIFIES TO BE ISSUED A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**

1 UNDER SUBSECTION (1). A STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER
2 THIS SUBSECTION IS EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF THE TAX PROVIDED IN
3 SECTION 801.

4 (11) ~~(10)~~ As used in this section, "gold star family member"
5 means a person who has had an immediate family member die while
6 serving in the United States ~~armed forces~~ **ARMED FORCES** or in forces
7 incorporated as part of the United States ~~armed forces~~ **ARMED FORCES**
8 if the immediate family member meets any of the eligibility
9 criteria specified in 10 USC 1126(a)(1) to (3) for a gold star
10 lapel button.

11 Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a totally disabled veteran with
12 an honorable discharge from the armed services may make an
13 application to the secretary of state if he or she owns a private
14 passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue a
15 special registration plate which shall be inscribed with special
16 identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and shall have
17 the words "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the registration
18 number. For the purposes of this section, "private passenger motor
19 vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is personally owned by the
20 disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of
21 transporting the disabled veteran and family members of the
22 disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

23 (2) Application for the special registration plate shall be on
24 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be
25 accompanied by a service fee of \$5.00 and proof that the applicant
26 was honorably discharged from the armed services and either 1 of
27 the following:

1 (a) That the applicant has been determined by the veterans'
2 administration of the federal government to have a service-
3 connected total or permanent total disability rating for
4 compensation.

5 (b) That the applicant has been determined to have a service-
6 connected total or permanent total disability rating and is
7 receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed
8 armed services.

9 (3) A special registration issued under this section is exempt
10 from payment of the tax provided in section 801.

11 (4) The special registration plate shall expire on the
12 birthday of the disabled veteran in a year in which new plates are
13 issued by the secretary of state. Application for renewal of the
14 special registration plate shall be accompanied by a \$5.00 service
15 fee. The applicant shall not be required to furnish the proof
16 provided in subsection (2).

17 (5) The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person who
18 has been issued a special registration plate under this section a
19 tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with
20 disabilities shall be an adhesive tab displaying the international
21 wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab
22 for persons with disabilities may be attached only to the special
23 registration plate issued to the disabled person under this
24 section.

25 (6) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
26 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
27 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant

1 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent
2 windshield placard under section 675.

3 (7) The tab for persons with disabilities shall be issued free
4 of charge.

5 (8) When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for
6 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration
7 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new
8 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of
9 charge. The disabled person shall not be required to again furnish
10 the proof required under subsection (6).

11 (9) The use of the special registration plate or a tab for
12 persons with disabilities on a motor vehicle other than the motor
13 vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued, or by a
14 person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

15 **(10) IN LIEU OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, THE SECRETARY OF**
16 **STATE SHALL ISSUE UPON REQUEST A STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATE TO A**
17 **PERSON WHO QUALIFIES TO BE ISSUED A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**
18 **UNDER THIS SECTION. A STANDARD REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS**
19 **SUBSECTION IS EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF THE TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION**
20 **801.**

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