

SENATE BILL No. 502

July 12, 2017, Introduced by Senators KNOLLENBERG, ROCCA, ZORN, GREGORY, KNEZEK, BRANDENBURG, O'BRIEN and NOFS and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 803f (MCL 257.803f), as amended by 1998 PA 68.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a ~~totally~~-disabled veteran with
2 an honorable discharge from the armed services may make an
3 application to the secretary of state if he or she owns a private
4 passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue a
5 special registration plate ~~which shall be~~ inscribed with special
6 identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and ~~shall have~~
7 the words "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the registration
8 number. ~~For the purposes of~~ **AS USED IN** this section, "private
9 passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle ~~which~~ **THAT** is
10 personally owned by ~~the~~ **A** disabled veteran and is used for the
11 primary purpose of transporting the disabled veteran and **HIS OR HER**

1 family members, ~~of the disabled veteran,~~ but does not include a
2 motor home.

3 (2) ~~Application~~ **AN APPLICATION** for the special registration
4 plate **DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)** shall be on a form prescribed by
5 the secretary of state ~~,~~ and shall be accompanied by a service fee
6 of \$5.00 and proof that the applicant was honorably discharged from
7 the armed services and ~~either~~ 1 of the following:

8 (a) ~~That~~ **IF THE APPLICANT IS A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, THAT**
9 the applicant has been determined by the veterans' administration
10 of the federal government to have a service-connected total or
11 permanent total disability rating for compensation.

12 (b) ~~That~~ **IF THE APPLICANT IS A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, THAT**
13 the applicant has been determined to have a service-connected total
14 or permanent total disability rating and is receiving disability
15 retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed armed services.

16 (C) **IF THE APPLICANT IS A PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN, THAT THE**
17 **APPLICANT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE A SERVICE-CONNECTED**
18 **DISABILITY RATING.**

19 (3) A special registration issued under this section is exempt
20 from payment of the tax provided **FOR** in section 801. **THIS**
21 **SUBSECTION ONLY APPLIES TO A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN DESCRIBED IN**
22 **SUBSECTION (2) (A) OR (2) (B) .**

23 (4) ~~The~~ **A** special registration plate ~~shall expire~~ **ISSUED UNDER**
24 **THIS SECTION EXPIRES** on the birthday of the disabled veteran in a
25 year in which new plates are issued by the secretary of state.
26 Application for renewal of the special registration plate shall be
27 accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be

1 required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).

2 (5) ~~The~~**IF APPLICABLE, THE** secretary of state may issue to a
3 disabled ~~person~~**VETERAN** who has been issued a special registration
4 plate under this section a tab for persons with disabilities. The
5 tab for persons with disabilities shall be an adhesive tab
6 displaying the international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable
7 facsimile of that symbol. The tab for persons with disabilities may
8 be attached only to the special registration plate issued to the
9 disabled ~~person~~**VETERAN** under this section.

10 (6) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
11 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
12 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant
13 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent
14 windshield placard under section 675.

15 (7) ~~The~~**A** tab for persons with disabilities **ISSUED UNDER**
16 **SUBSECTION (5)** shall be issued free of charge.

17 (8) When a disabled ~~person~~**VETERAN** who has been issued a tab
18 for persons with disabilities renews his or her special
19 registration plate under this section, the secretary of state shall
20 issue a new tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled
21 ~~person~~**VETERAN**, free of charge. The disabled ~~person~~**VETERAN** shall
22 not be required to again furnish the proof required under
23 subsection (6).

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

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