

# Legislative Analysis



## BLUE STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE

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Senate Bill 118 (H-2) as reported from House committee

Sponsor: Sen. Kevin Daley

1st House Committee: Military, Veterans and Homeland Security

2nd House Committee: Ways and Means

Senate Committee: Families, Seniors and Veterans

Complete to 2-11-20

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*(Enacted as Public Act 51 of 2020)*

## SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 118 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to create a Blue Star Family special registration plate and allow a member of a Blue Star Family to apply to the Secretary of State to be issued one. The plate would be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a Blue Star Families insignia and would have the words “Blue Star Family” inscribed beneath the registration number.

An application for a Blue Star Family special registration plate would be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State and would have to be accompanied by any proof required by the Secretary of State that the applicant was a ***Blue Star Family member***. The applicant would have to pay a \$5 service fee in addition to the applicable vehicle registration tax.

***Blue Star Family member*** would mean a person who is currently serving, or who has an ***immediate family member*** serving, in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces.

***Immediate family member*** would mean a parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, foster parent standing in loco parentis, child, stepchild, adopted child, sibling, half-sibling, spouse, or grandparent.

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## FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would create a marginal one-time cost for the Department of State (DOS) and have no fiscal impact on local units of government. DOS would incur the cost of approximately \$45,000 related to the production of a new special registration plate. The costs of producing a new specialty plate are primarily due to the cost of computer programming. This cost could be supported with current ongoing appropriations.

## POSITIONS:

A representative of Blue Star Mothers of America testified in support of the bill. (11-5-19)

The following entities indicated support for the bill (12-10-19):

- Office of the Secretary of State
- National Guard of Michigan
- Veterans of Foreign Wars

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