

# SENATE BILL NO. 118

February 21, 2019, Introduced by Senators DALEY, WOJNO, HOLLIER, MACDONALD, HORN, LASATA, OUTMAN, VICTORY, RUNESTAD and JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Veterans.

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.

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

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

(4) A person who is a recipient of the ~~purple heart medal~~ **Purple Heart Medal** may ~~make application~~ **apply** to the secretary of state for a special registration plate ~~that shall be inscribed with~~ special identification numbers and ~~shall have the words "combat wounded veteran" inscribed beneath the~~ registration number. In addition, the special registration plate described ~~under~~ **in** this subsection ~~shall~~ **must** be inscribed with a vignette of the official ~~purple heart medal~~ **Purple Heart Medal**.

(5) Application for a special registration plate ~~shall~~ **must** be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state ~~, and shall~~ **must** be accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, **or** recipient of the ~~purple heart medal~~ **Purple Heart Medal** that the secretary of state may require. Application for a "Gold Star Family" special registration plate described in subsection (9) ~~shall~~ **or a "Blue**

1 **Star Family" special registration plate described in subsection**

2 **(10) must** be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and

3 ~~shall~~**must** be accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been

4 a gold star **or blue star** family member that the secretary of state

5 may require. The application for a special registration plate ~~shall~~

6 **must** also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

7 (6) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service

8 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special

9 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger

10 vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a

11 special registration plate under this section and who makes payment

12 of the \$5.00 service fee ~~shall~~**must** be issued a tab for persons

13 with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her

14 special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require

15 the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is

16 required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under

17 section 675. One person in any household is entitled to 1 special

18 registration plate issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from

19 payment of the tax provided in section 801. The person who is

20 issued an additional special registration plate under subsection

21 (1) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided for in section

22 801. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates under

23 subsection (2), (3), (4), ~~or~~(9), ~~shall~~**or (10) must** be assessed

24 the applicable tax provided in section 801.

25 (7) The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle other

26 than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who

27 does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

28 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section

29 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new

plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (5).

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

(10) A member of a blue star family may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a Blue Star Families insignia and the words "Blue Star Family" beneath the registration number.

(11) ~~(10)~~ As used in this section: ~~,"gold star family member"~~

(a) "Blue star family member" means a person who is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces or a person 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. As used in this subdivision, "immediate family member" means a parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, foster parent standing in loco parentis, child, stepchild, adopted child, sibling, half-sibling, spouse, or grandparent.

(b) "Gold star family member" means a person who has had an immediate family member die while serving in the United States ~~armed forces~~ **Armed Forces** or in forces incorporated as part of the United States ~~armed forces~~ **Armed Forces** if the immediate family member meets any of the eligibility criteria specified in 10 USC 1126(a)(1) to (3) for a gold star lapel button.

**1** Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect August 1,  
**2** 2021.