

# SENATE BILL NO. 1165

September 14, 2022, Introduced by Senator BARRETT and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 803i (MCL 257.803i), as amended by 2022 PA 143.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 803i. (1) A person who was or is **or a person whose spouse**  
2 **was or is** a member of the National Guard may apply to the secretary  
3 of state for a special registration plate that displays an  
4 appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the  
5 words "national guard" inscribed beneath the registration numbers

1 for passenger vehicles only.

2 (2) A person who was or is **or a person whose spouse was or is**  
3 a member of the United States Armed Forces Reserve may apply to the  
4 secretary of state for a special registration plate that displays  
5 an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers.

6 (3) A person who was **or a person whose spouse was** a member of  
7 any branch of the United States Armed Forces who has retired or  
8 been granted an honorable discharge from that branch of the United  
9 States Armed Forces and who is not otherwise eligible for a special  
10 registration plate under this act may apply to the secretary of  
11 state for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate  
12 vignette preceding the registration numbers.

13 (4) Application for a special registration plate must be on a  
14 form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied  
15 by any proof of the applicant being or having been **or the spouse of**  
16 **the applicant being or having been** a member of the National Guard  
17 or the United States Armed Forces Reserve or a member as described  
18 in subsection (3) of the United States Armed Forces that the  
19 secretary of state may require. The application for a special  
20 registration plate must not require a service fee under section  
21 804.

22 (5) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall  
23 issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for  
24 each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle or, for the purposes  
25 of subsection (1) or (3), for use on a motorcycle. A person who is  
26 disabled who applies for a special registration plate under this  
27 section must be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as  
28 provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate.  
29 The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the

1 applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a  
2 permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1  
3 or more special registration plates under subsection (1), (2), or  
4 (3) must be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

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

9 (7) The special registration plate issued under this section  
10 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are  
11 issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the  
12 special registration plate must not require a service fee under  
13 section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof  
14 provided in subsection (4).

15 (8) **The surviving spouse of a person who was a member of the**  
16 **National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve or a member of**  
17 **any branch of the United States Armed Forces as described in**  
18 **subsection (3) may use a special registration plate issued under**  
19 **this section after the death of the veteran and may renew a special**  
20 **registration plate issued under this section after the death of the**  
21 **veteran in the same manner as provided under this section for the**  
22 **veteran. If applicable, a surviving spouse shall apply for**  
23 **registration of the vehicle upon which the surviving spouse wishes**  
24 **to place the special registration plate before renewing the plate**  
25 **as described in this section.**