

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4681

May 28, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Tate, Sabo, Calley, Vaupel, Howell and Jones and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 803e and 803f (MCL 257.803e and 257.803f), section 803e as amended by 2011 PA 46 and section 803f as amended by 2018 PA 681.

**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~~



1 **apply** to the secretary of state for a special registration plate  
 2 ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with special identification numbers  
 3 preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and ~~shall have~~ the words "ex-  
 4 prisoner of war" ~~inscribed~~ beneath the registration number.

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

11 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during  
 12 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establishment  
 13 at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived the  
 14 attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may ~~make~~  
 15 ~~application~~ **apply** to the secretary of state for a special  
 16 registration plate, ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with special  
 17 identification numbers and ~~shall have~~ the words "Pearl Harbor  
 18 survivor" ~~inscribed~~ beneath the registration number.

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

27 (5) Application for a special registration plate ~~shall~~ **must** be  
 28 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and ~~shall~~ **must** be  
 29 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of



1 war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, **or** recipient of  
2 the ~~purple heart~~ **Purple Heart** medal that the secretary of state may  
3 require. Application for a "Gold Star Family" special registration  
4 plate described in subsection (9) ~~shall~~ **must** be on a form  
5 prescribed by the secretary of state and ~~shall~~ **must** be accompanied  
6 by any proof of the applicant having been a gold star family member  
7 that the secretary of state may require. ~~The application for a~~  
8 ~~special registration plate shall also be accompanied with payment~~  
9 ~~of a \$5.00 service fee.~~

10 (6) Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00 service~~  
11 ~~fee,~~ the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special  
12 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger  
13 vehicle. A person who is disabled who ~~makes application~~ **applies** for  
14 a special registration plate under this section ~~and who makes~~  
15 ~~payment of the \$5.00 service fee shall~~ **must** be issued a tab for  
16 persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or  
17 her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall  
18 require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as  
19 is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under  
20 section 675. One person in any household is entitled to 1 special  
21 registration plate issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from  
22 payment of the tax provided in section 801. The person who is  
23 issued an additional special registration plate under subsection  
24 (1) ~~shall~~ **must** be assessed the applicable tax provided for in  
25 section 801. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates  
26 under subsection (2), (3), (4), or (9) ~~shall~~ **must** be assessed the  
27 applicable tax provided in section 801.

28 (7) The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle other  
29 than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a person who



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

2 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section  
 3 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new  
 4 plates are issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application for~~  
 5 ~~renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a~~  
 6 ~~\$5.00 service fee.~~ The applicant is not required to furnish the  
 7 proof provided in subsection (5) **for an application for renewal of**  
 8 **the special registration plate.**

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

14 (10) As used in this section, "gold star family member" means  
 15 a person who has had an immediate family member die while serving  
 16 in the United States ~~armed forces~~ **Armed Forces** or in forces  
 17 incorporated as part of the United States ~~armed forces~~ **Armed Forces**  
 18 if the immediate family member meets any of the eligibility  
 19 criteria specified in 10 USC 1126(a)(1) to (3) for a gold star  
 20 lapel button.

21 Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a totally disabled veteran with  
 22 an honorable discharge from the armed services may ~~make an~~  
 23 ~~application~~ **apply** to the secretary of state if he or she owns a  
 24 private passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may  
 25 issue a special registration plate inscribed with special  
 26 identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and the words  
 27 "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. For  
 28 the purposes of this section, "private passenger motor vehicle"  
 29 means a motor vehicle that is personally owned by the disabled



1 veteran and is used for the primary purpose of transporting the  
 2 disabled veteran and family members of the disabled veteran, but  
 3 does not include a motor home.

4 (2) Application for the special registration plate must be on  
 5 a form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied  
 6 by ~~a service fee of \$5.00 and~~ proof that the applicant was  
 7 honorably discharged from the armed services and either 1 of the  
 8 following:

9 (a) That the applicant has been determined by the United  
 10 States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected  
 11 total or permanent total disability rating for compensation.

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

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

18 (4) The special registration plate expires on the birthday of  
 19 the disabled veteran in a year in which new plates are issued by  
 20 the secretary of state. ~~Application for renewal of the special~~  
 21 ~~registration plate must be accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee.~~ The  
 22 applicant ~~shall~~**is** not be required to furnish the proof provided in  
 23 subsection (2) **for an application for renewal of the special**  
 24 **registration plate.**

25 (5) The surviving spouse of a person who is a totally disabled  
 26 veteran with an honorable discharge from the armed services may use  
 27 a special registration plate issued under this section after the  
 28 death of the totally disabled veteran and may renew a special  
 29 registration plate issued under this section after the death of the



1 totally disabled veteran in the same manner as provided under this  
 2 section for a totally disabled veteran. If applicable, a surviving  
 3 spouse shall apply for registration of the vehicle upon which he or  
 4 she wishes to place the disabled veteran plate before using or  
 5 renewing the plate as described in this section.

6 (6) The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person who  
 7 has been issued a special registration plate under this section a  
 8 tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with  
 9 disabilities must be an adhesive tab displaying the international  
 10 wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab  
 11 for persons with disabilities may be attached only to the special  
 12 registration plate issued to the disabled person under this  
 13 section.

14 (7) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities  
 15 ~~shall~~**must** be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The  
 16 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant  
 17 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent  
 18 windshield placard under section 675. If the surviving spouse of a  
 19 totally disabled veteran is a disabled person, he or she may apply  
 20 to the secretary of state for a tab for persons with disabilities  
 21 in the same manner as provided for a totally disabled veteran under  
 22 this subsection.

23 (8) The tab for persons with disabilities must be issued free  
 24 of charge.

25 (9) When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for  
 26 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration  
 27 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new  
 28 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of  
 29 charge. The disabled person ~~shall~~**is** not ~~be~~ required to again



1 furnish the proof required under subsection (7).

2 (10) The use of the special registration plate or a tab for  
3 persons with disabilities on a motor vehicle other than the motor  
4 vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued, or by a  
5 person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

6 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
7 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are  
8 enacted into law:

9 (a) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4680 (request no.  
10 03282'19).

11 (b) Senate Bill No.355 or House Bill No. \_\_\_\_ request no.  
12 03283'19).

13 (c) Senate Bill No.356 or House Bill No. \_\_\_\_ (request no.  
14 03284'19).

15 (d) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4684 (request no.  
16 03285'19).

17 (e) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4682 (request no.  
18 03291'19).

19 (f) Senate Bill No.354 or House Bill No. \_\_\_\_ (request no.  
20 03292'19).

21 (g) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4683 (request no.  
22 03294'19).

