

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~~
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.
- 7 (2) A person who was a member of the armed services during
8 World War I may ~~make application~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of state

1 for a special registration plate ~~, that shall be~~ inscribed with
2 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and
3 ~~shall have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed~~ beneath the
4 registration number.

5 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
6 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establishment
7 at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived the
8 attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may ~~make~~
9 ~~application~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of state for a special
10 registration plate ~~, that shall be~~ inscribed with special
11 identification numbers and ~~shall have the words "Pearl Harbor~~
12 ~~survivor" inscribed~~ beneath the registration number.

13 (4) A person who is a recipient of the ~~purple heart~~ **PURPLE**
14 **HEART** medal may ~~make application~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of state
15 for a special registration plate ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with
16 special identification numbers and ~~shall have the words "combat~~
17 ~~wounded veteran" inscribed~~ beneath the registration number. In
18 addition, the special registration plate described ~~under~~ **IN** this
19 subsection ~~shall~~ **MUST** be inscribed with a vignette of the official
20 ~~purple heart~~ **PURPLE HEART** medal.

21 (5) Application for a special registration plate ~~shall~~ **MUST** be
22 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and ~~shall~~ **MUST** be
23 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of
24 war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, **OR** recipient of
25 the ~~purple heart~~ **PURPLE HEART** medal that the secretary of state may
26 require. Application for a "Gold Star Family" special registration
27 plate described in subsection (9) ~~shall~~ **MUST** be on a form

1 prescribed by the secretary of state and ~~shall~~ **MUST** be accompanied
2 by any proof of the applicant having been a gold star family member
3 that the secretary of state may require. ~~The application for a~~
4 ~~special registration plate shall also be accompanied with payment~~
5 ~~of a \$5.00 service fee.~~

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

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

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

1 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new
2 plates are issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application for~~
3 ~~renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a~~
4 ~~\$5.00 service fee.~~ The applicant is not required to furnish the
5 proof provided in subsection (5) **FOR AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF**
6 **THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (9) When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for

1 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration
2 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new
3 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of
4 charge. The disabled person ~~shall~~**IS** not ~~be~~ required to again
5 furnish the proof required under subsection (7).

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

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

13 (a) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4680 (request no.
14 03282'19).

15 (b) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. ____ (request no.
16 03283'19).

17 (c) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. ____ (request no.
18 03284'19).

19 (d) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4684 (request no.
20 03285'19).

21 (e) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4682 (request no.
22 03291'19).

23 (f) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. ____ (request no.
24 03292'19).

25 (g) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. ____ (request no.
26 03294'19).