

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 118

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.

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
9 for a special registration plate, ~~that shall be inscribed~~ with



1 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and
 2 ~~shall have~~ the words "World War I veteran" ~~inscribed~~ beneath the
 3 registration number.

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

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

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



1 a gold star **or blue star** family member that the secretary of state
2 may require. The application for a special registration plate ~~shall~~
3 **must** also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

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

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

25 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
26 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new
27 plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for
28 renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall~~ **must** be accompanied
29 by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish



1 the proof provided in subsection (5).

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

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

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

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

21 (b) **"Gold star family member" means a person who has had an**
22 **immediate family member die while serving in the United States**
23 ~~armed forces~~**Armed Forces** or in forces incorporated as part of the
24 United States ~~armed forces~~**Armed Forces** if the immediate family
25 member meets any of the eligibility criteria specified in 10 USC
26 1126(a) (1) to (3) for a gold star lapel button.

