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SENATE BILL No. 1093

January 27, 2010, Introduced by Senators PATTERSON, KUIPERS, CROPSEY and NOFS and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 803i (MCL 257.803i), as amended by 1998 PA 68.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 803i. (1) A person who was or is a member of the national guard may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate, which shall display an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and shall have the words "national guard" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.
 - (2) A person who was or is a member of the military reserve may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration plate, which shall display an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers.

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- 1 (3) A person who was a member of any branch of the armed
- 2 services of the United States, who has retired or been granted an
- 3 honorable discharge from that branch of the armed forces, and who
- 4 is not otherwise eligible for a special registration plate under
- 5 this act may apply to the secretary of state for a special
- 6 registration plate which shall display an appropriate vignette
- 7 preceding the registration numbers.
- 8 (4) A PERSON WHO WAS OR IS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY AIRBORNE MAY
- 9 APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE,
- 10 WHICH SHALL DISPLAY AN APPROPRIATE VIGNETTE PRECEDING THE
- 11 REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "ARMY AIRBORNE"
- 12 INSCRIBED BENEATH THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS.
- (5) (4) Application for a special registration plate shall be
- 14 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be
- 15 accompanied by any proof of the applicant being or having been a
- 16 member of the national guard, or military reserve, OR ARMY AIRBORNE
- 17 or a member of any branch of the armed services of the United
- 18 States as described in subsection (3) that the secretary of state
- 19 may require. The application for a special registration plate shall
- 20 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.
- 21 (6) (5) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00
- 22 service fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
- 23 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
- 24 vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special
- 25 registration plate under this section and who pays the \$5.00
- 26 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as
- 27 provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate.

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- 1 The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the
- 2 applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a
- 3 permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1
- 4 or more special registration plates under subsection (1), (2), or
- 5 (3), OR (4) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in
- 6 section 801.
- 7 (7) (6) The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle
- 8 other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a
- 9 person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.
- 10 (8) (7) The special registration plate issued under this
- 11 section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new
- 12 plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for
- 13 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
- 14 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be required to furnish
- 15 the proof provided in subsection $\frac{(4)}{(5)}$.