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**SUBSTITUTE FOR**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 4458**

(As passed the House, November 4, 1999)

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
(MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 803q.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        SEC. 803Q. (1) A PERSON WHO IS DESIGNATED AN HONORARY  
2 CONSUL BY A DIPLOMATIC CORPS OF A NATION OTHER THAN THE UNITED  
3 STATES THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
4 AND WHO IS ASSIGNED OR STATIONED IN MICHIGAN MAY MAKE APPLICATION  
5 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE. THE  
6 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "HONORARY CONSUL"  
7 INSCRIBED ON THE PLATE.  
8        (2) APPLICATION FOR THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESCRIBED  
9 IN SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY  
10 OF STATE, AND SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS  
11 DESIGNATED AS AN HONORARY CONSUL. THE APPLICATION FOR THE

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1 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT  
2 OF A \$30.00 CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION FEE FOR 1 SPECIAL REGISTRA-  
3 TION PLATE OR A \$35.00 CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION FEE FOR 2 SPECIAL  
4 REGISTRATION PLATES. THE CONSUL IDENTIFICATION FEE SHALL BE  
5 DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY AND BE CREDITED TO THE MICHIGAN  
6 TRANSPORTATION FUND. IT SHALL BE USED FIRST TO DEFRAY THE  
7 EXPENSES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN ISSUING THESE PLATES.

8 (3) UPON PROPER APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF THE APPROPRIATE  
9 CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION FEE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2), THE  
10 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ISSUE 1 OR MORE SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
11 PLATES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) FOR EACH APPLICANT FOR USE ON  
12 A PASSENGER VEHICLE. A PERSON ISSUED 1 OR MORE SPECIAL REGISTRA-  
13 TION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE ASSESSED THE APPLICABLE  
14 TAX UNDER SECTION 801.

15 (4) THE USE OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESCRIBED IN  
16 SUBSECTION (1) ON A VEHICLE OTHER THAN THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE  
17 PLATE IS ISSUED, OR BY A PERSON WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY UNDER THIS  
18 SECTION, IS A MISDEMEANOR.

19 (5) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION  
20 SHALL EXPIRE ON THE BIRTHDAY OF THE VEHICLE OWNER.

21 (6) THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE TO AN  
22 APPLICANT UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT CONFER DIPLOMATIC STATUS OR  
23 DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY UPON THE APPLICANT.

24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect  
25 October 1, 2000.