

# HOUSE BILL No. 4458

April 13, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Pappageorge, Ehardt, Sanborn, Geiger, Jellema, Richner, Kuipers, Caul, Howell, Ruth Johnson, Green, Law, Woronchak, DeWeese, DeVuyst, Jelinek, Stamas, Patterson, Julian, Tabor, Koetje, Toy, Jammick, Daniels, Schermesser, Byl, Frank, Gosselin, Faunce, Pestka, Mortimer, Pumford, Wojno, Price, Raczkowski, Tesanovich, Prusi, Woodward, Hale and Shackleton and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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 BENEATH THE REGISTRATION LETTERS AND NUMBERS.  
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 ANY PROOF OF THE APPLICANT  
11 BEING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED IN A FOREIGN CONSULATE THAT

1 IS LOCATED IN MICHIGAN THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE REQUIRES. THE  
2 APPLICATION FOR THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL ALSO BE  
3 ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT OF A \$30.00 CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION FEE  
4 FOR 1 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE OR A \$35.00 CONSULATE IDENTIFI-  
5 CATION FEE FOR 2 OR MORE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND A \$5.00  
6 SERVICE FEE.

7 (3) UPON PROPER APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF THE APPROPRIATE  
8 CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION FEE AND THE \$5.00 SERVICE FEE REQUIRED  
9 UNDER SUBSECTION (2), THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ISSUE 1 OR  
10 MORE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) FOR  
11 EACH APPLICANT FOR USE ON A PASSENGER VEHICLE. A PERSON ISSUED 1  
12 OR MORE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
13 ASSESSED THE APPLICABLE TAX UNDER SECTION 801.

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

18 (5) THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION  
19 SHALL EXPIRE ON THE BIRTHDAY OF THE VEHICLE OWNER. WHEN NEW  
20 PLATES ARE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE APPLICATION FOR  
21 RENEWAL OF THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
22 A \$30.00 CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION FEE FOR 1 SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
23 PLATE OR A \$35.00 CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION FEE FOR 2 OR MORE SPE-  
24 CIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND A \$5.00 SERVICE FEE. HOWEVER, THE  
25 APPLICANT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH THE PROOF PROVIDED IN  
26 SUBSECTION (2).

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