

HOUSE BILL No. 4931

June 12, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Julian, Raczkowski, Howell, Vander Roest, DeRossett, Gilbert, Richardville, Middaugh, Pappageorge, Woronchak, Mortimer, Newell, Shackleton, Stewart, Pumford, Vander Veen, Voorhees, Vear, Lockwood and Jansen and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending sections 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, and 803o
(MCL 257.803e, 257.803f, 257.803j, 257.803k, 257.803l, 257.803n,
and 257.803o), sections 803e and 803f as amended by 1998 PA 68,
sections 803j, 803k, 803n, and 803o as amended by 1999 PA 183,
and section 803l as amended by 2000 PA 77.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803e. (1) A person who ~~has been~~ WAS a prisoner of
2 war may ~~make application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a
3 special registration plate ~~which shall be~~ THAT IS inscribed
4 with special identification numbers preceded by the letters
5 "EX-POW" and ~~shall have~~ HAS the words "ex-prisoner of war"
6 inscribed beneath the registration number.

1 (2) A person who was a member of the armed services during
2 World War I may ~~make application~~ APPLY to the secretary of
3 state for a special registration plate, ~~which shall be~~ THAT IS
4 inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by the
5 letters "WWI" and ~~shall have~~ HAS the words "World War I
6 veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number.

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

15 (4) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal
16 may ~~make application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a spe-
17 cial registration plate ~~which shall be~~ THAT IS inscribed with
18 special identification numbers and ~~shall have~~ HAS the words
19 "combat wounded veteran" inscribed beneath the registration
20 number. In addition, the special registration plate described
21 under this subsection shall be inscribed with a vignette of the
22 official purple heart medal.

23 (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
24 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
25 panied by any proof ~~of~~ THAT the applicant ~~having been~~ WAS a
26 prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or
27 recipient of the purple heart medal ~~which~~ THAT the secretary of

1 state may require. ~~The application for a special registration~~
2 ~~plate shall also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service~~
3 ~~fee.~~

4 (6) Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00 serv-~~
5 ~~ice 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~~
8 APPLIES for a special registration plate under this section ~~and~~
9 ~~who makes payment of the \$5.00 service fee~~ shall be issued a tab
10 for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his
11 or 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. A person is entitled to 1 special registration
15 plate issued under ~~subsection (1) which~~ THIS SECTION THAT is
16 exempt from payment of the tax provided in section 801. A person
17 who is issued an additional special registration plate under
18 ~~subsection (1)~~ THIS SECTION shall be assessed the applicable
19 tax provided for in section 801. ~~A person issued 1 or more spe-~~
20 ~~cial registration plates under subsection (2), (3), or (4) shall~~
21 ~~be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.~~

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

26 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
27 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which

1 new plates are issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application~~
2 AN APPLICANT for renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall~~
3 ~~be accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant~~ is not
4 required to furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ REQUIRED UNDER sub-
5 section (5).

6 Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a totally disabled veteran
7 with an honorable discharge from the armed services may ~~make an~~
8 ~~application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state if he or she owns a
9 private passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may
10 issue a special registration plate which ~~shall be~~ IS inscribed
11 with special identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV"
12 and ~~shall have~~ HAS the words "disabled veteran" inscribed
13 beneath the registration number. ~~For the purposes of~~ AS USED
14 IN this section, "private passenger motor vehicle" means a motor
15 vehicle which is personally owned by the disabled veteran and is
16 used for the primary purpose of transporting the disabled veteran
17 and family members of the disabled veteran, but does not include
18 a motor home.

19 (2) Application for the special registration plate shall be
20 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be
21 accompanied by ~~a service fee of \$5.00 and~~ proof that the appli-
22 cant was honorably discharged from the armed services and either
23 1 of the following:

24 (a) That the applicant has been determined by the veterans'
25 administration of the federal government to have a
26 service-connected total or permanent total disability rating for
27 compensation.

1 (b) That the applicant has been determined to have a
2 service-connected total or permanent total disability rating and
3 is receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the uni-
4 formed armed services.

5 (3) A special registration PLATE issued under this section
6 is exempt from payment of the tax provided in section 801.

7 (4) The special registration plate shall expire on the
8 birthday of the disabled veteran in a year in which new plates
9 are issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application~~ AN APPLICANT
10 for renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall be accom-~~
11 ~~panied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall~~ IS not ~~be~~
12 required to furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ REQUIRED UNDER sub-
13 section (2).

14 (5) The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person
15 who has been issued a special registration plate under this sec-
16 tion a tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons
17 with disabilities shall be an adhesive tab displaying the inter-
18 national wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that
19 symbol. The tab for persons with disabilities may be attached
20 only to the special registration plate issued to the disabled
21 person under this section.

22 (6) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
23 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
24 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the appli-
25 cant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a per-
26 manent windshield placard under section 675.

1 (7) The tab for persons with disabilities shall be issued
2 free of charge.

3 (8) When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for
4 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration
5 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a
6 new tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person,
7 free of charge. The disabled person shall not be required to
8 again furnish the proof required under subsection (6).

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

14 Sec. 803j. (1) A person who was a member of the armed serv-
15 ices or a person whose spouse was a member of the armed forces
16 during the Korean War may ~~make application~~ APPLY to the secre-
17 tary of state for a special registration plate, ~~which shall~~
18 ~~display~~ THAT DISPLAYS an appropriate vignette preceding the reg-
19 istration numbers and ~~shall have~~ HAS the word "veteran"
20 inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

21 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
22 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
23 panied by any proof of the applicant or the applicant's spouse
24 having been a Korean War veteran that the secretary of state may
25 require. ~~The application for a special registration plate shall~~
26 ~~also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~

1 (3) Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00~~
2 ~~service fee,~~ the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more
3 special registration plates for each applicant for use on a pas-
4 senger vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application
5 for a special registration plate under this section ~~and who~~
6 ~~makes payment of the \$5.00 service fee~~ shall be issued a tab for
7 persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or
8 her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall
9 require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as
10 is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under
11 section 675. ~~A person issued 1 or more special registration~~
12 ~~plates under subsection (1) shall be assessed the applicable tax~~
13 ~~provided in section 801.~~

14 (4) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION
15 IS EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION 801.

16 (5) ~~-(4)-~~ The use of a special registration plate on a vehi-
17 cle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a
18 person who does not qualify under this section, is a
19 misdemeanor.

20 (6) ~~-(5)-~~ The special registration plate issued under this
21 section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~When~~
22 ~~new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application~~ AN
23 APPLICANT for renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall be~~
24 ~~accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be~~
25 IS NOT required to furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ REQUIRED UNDER
26 subsection (2).

1 Sec. 803k. (1) A person who was a member of the armed
2 services during the Vietnam War or a person whose spouse was a
3 member of the armed services during the Vietnam War may make
4 application to the secretary of state for a special registration
5 plate, ~~which shall display~~ THAT DISPLAYS an appropriate
6 vignette preceding the registration numbers and ~~shall have~~ HAS
7 the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

8 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
9 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
10 panied by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having
11 been a Vietnam War veteran that the secretary of state may
12 require. ~~The application for a special registration plate shall~~
13 ~~also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~

14 (3) Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00 serv-~~
15 ~~ice fee,~~ the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
16 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
17 vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a
18 special registration plate under this section ~~and who makes pay-~~
19 ~~ment of the \$5.00 service fee~~ shall be issued a tab for persons
20 with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her spe-
21 cial registration plate. The secretary of state shall require
22 the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person ~~as~~ THAT
23 is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under
24 section 675. ~~A person issued 1 or more special registration~~
25 ~~plates under subsection (1) shall be assessed the applicable tax~~
26 ~~provided in section 801.~~

1 (4) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION
2 IS EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF THE TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION 801.

3 (5) ~~-(4)-~~ The use of a special registration plate on a vehi-
4 cle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a
5 person who does not qualify under this section, is a
6 misdemeanor.

7 (6) ~~-(5)-~~ The special registration plate issued under this
8 section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~When~~
9 ~~new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application~~ AN
10 APPLICANT for renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall be~~
11 ~~accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be~~
12 IS NOT required to furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ REQUIRED UNDER
13 subsection (2).

14 Sec. 8031. (1) A person who was a member of the armed serv-
15 ices during World War II or a person whose spouse was a member of
16 the armed services during World War II may ~~make application~~
17 APPLY to the secretary of state for a special registration plate,
18 ~~which shall display~~ THAT DISPLAYS an appropriate vignette pre-
19 ceding the registration numbers and ~~shall have~~ HAS the word
20 "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

21 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
22 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
23 panied by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having
24 been a World War II veteran that the secretary of state may
25 require. ~~The application for a special registration plate shall~~
26 ~~also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~

1 (3) Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00~~
2 ~~service fee,~~ the secretary of state shall issue 1 special
3 registration plate for each applicant for use on a passenger
4 vehicle. A person who is disabled who ~~makes application~~
5 APPLIES for a special registration plate under this section ~~and~~
6 ~~who makes payment of the \$5.00 service fee~~ shall be issued a tab
7 for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his
8 or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall
9 require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as
10 is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under
11 section 675. ~~A person issued a special registration plate under~~
12 ~~subsection (1) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in~~
13 ~~section 801.~~

14 (4) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION
15 IS EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION 801.

16 (5) ~~(4)~~ The use of a special registration plate on a vehi-
17 cle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a
18 person who does not qualify under this section, is a
19 misdemeanor.

20 (6) ~~(5)~~ The special registration plate issued under this
21 section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~When~~
22 ~~new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application~~ AN
23 APPLICANT for renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall be~~
24 ~~accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be~~
25 IS NOT required to furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ REQUIRED UNDER
26 subsection (2).

1 Sec. 803n. (1) A person who was a member or a person whose
2 spouse was a member of the Michigan national guard, the United
3 States armed forces reserve, or any branch of the armed services
4 of the United States and who was called to active duty during the
5 Persian Gulf War may apply to the secretary of state for a spe-
6 cial registration plate, ~~which shall display~~ THAT DISPLAYS an
7 appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers and
8 ~~shall have~~ HAS the word "veteran" inscribed beneath the regis-
9 tration numbers.

10 (2) A person who was a member or a person whose spouse was a
11 member of the armed services during the conflict in Grenada, the
12 conflict in Panama, or the conflict in Lebanon may apply to the
13 secretary of state for a special registration plate, ~~which shall~~
14 ~~display~~ THAT DISPLAYS an appropriate vignette preceding the reg-
15 istration numbers and ~~shall have~~ HAS the word "veteran"
16 inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

17 (3) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
18 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
19 panied by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having
20 been a war or conflict veteran that the secretary of state may
21 require. ~~The application for a special registration plate shall~~
22 ~~also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~

23 (4) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION
24 IS EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION 801.

25 (5) ~~(4)~~ Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00~~
26 ~~service fee,~~ the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more
27 special registration plates for each applicant for use on a

1 passenger vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a
 2 special registration plate under this section ~~and who pays the~~
 3 ~~\$5.00 service fee~~ shall be issued a tab for persons with dis-
 4 abilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special reg-
 5 istration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same
 6 proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for
 7 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. ~~A~~
 8 ~~person issued 1 or more special registration plates under~~
 9 ~~subsection (1) or (2) shall be assessed the applicable tax pro-~~
 10 ~~vided in section 801.~~

11 (6) ~~(5)~~ The use of a special registration plate on a vehi-
 12 cle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a
 13 person who does not qualify under this section, is a
 14 misdemeanor.

15 (7) ~~(6)~~ The special registration plate issued under this
 16 section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~When~~
 17 ~~new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application~~ AN
 18 APPLICANT for renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall be~~
 19 ~~accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be~~
 20 IS NOT required to furnish the proof ~~provided in~~ REQUIRED UNDER
 21 subsection (3).

22 Sec. 803o. (1) ~~On and after December 18, 1992, a~~ A person
 23 who was a member or a person whose spouse was a member of the
 24 Michigan national guard, the United States armed forces reserve,
 25 or any branch of the armed services of the United States and who
 26 was called to active duty during a declared war or an armed
 27 conflict in which the United States was a participant may apply

1 to the secretary of state for a special registration plate,
2 ~~which shall display~~ THAT DISPLAYS an appropriate vignette pre-
3 ceding the registration numbers and ~~shall have~~ HAS the word
4 "veteran" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

5 (2) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
6 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
7 panied by any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse having
8 been a veteran of a declared war or an armed conflict in which
9 the United States was a participant that the secretary of state
10 may require. ~~The application for a special registration plate~~
11 ~~shall also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~

12 (3) Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00 serv-~~
13 ~~ice fee,~~ the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
14 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
15 vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special reg-
16 istration plate under this section ~~and who pays the \$5.00 serv-~~
17 ~~ice fee~~ shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as
18 provided in section 803f for his or her special registration
19 plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that
20 the applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of
21 a permanent windshield placard under section 675. ~~A person~~
22 ~~issued 1 or more special registration plates under subsection (1)~~
23 ~~shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.~~

24 (4) A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION
25 IS EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION 801.

26 (5) ~~(4)~~ The use of a special registration plate on a
27 vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or

1 by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a
2 misdemeanor.

3 (6) ~~-(5)-~~ The special registration plate issued under this
4 section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner. ~~-when~~
5 ~~new plates are issued by the secretary of state, application~~ AN
6 APPLICANT for renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall be~~
7 ~~accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be~~
8 IS NOT required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).