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Senate Bill 749 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator John Pappageorge
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit the spouse, parent, sibling, or child of a member of the armed services who died during combat to apply to the Secretary of State (SOS) for a Gold Star Family special registration plate. The plate would have to be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a gold star and have the words "Gold Star Family" inscribed beneath the registration number.

The Code permits a person who was a prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or purple heart medal recipient, among others, to apply to the SOS for a special registration plate.

The application must be on a form prescribed by the SOS and must be accompanied by a \$5 service fee and proof that the applicant was a prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of the purple heart. A person issued a special registration plate must be assessed the applicable registration fee.

The bill would extend those provisions to the spouse, parent, sibling, or child of a member of the armed services who died during combat. The application would have to be accompanied by any proof that the SOS required.

The bill would take effect on January 1, 2011.

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Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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