

SENATE BILL No. 749

August 19, 2009, Introduced by Senators PAPPAGEORGE, ALLEN, ANDERSON, CROPSEY, BIRKHOLZ and OLSHOVE and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
 "Michigan vehicle code,"
 by amending section 803e (MCL 257.803e), as amended by 2003 PA 30.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

7 (2) A person who was a member of the armed services during
 8 World War I may make application to the secretary of state for a
 9 special registration plate, ~~which~~**THAT** shall be inscribed with
 10 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and

1 shall have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the
2 registration number.

3 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
4 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establishment
5 at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived the
6 attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may make
7 application to the secretary of state for a special registration
8 plate, ~~which~~ **THAT** shall be inscribed with special identification
9 numbers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" inscribed
10 beneath the registration number.

11 (4) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal may
12 make application to the secretary of state for a special
13 registration plate ~~which~~ **THAT** shall be inscribed with special
14 identification numbers and shall have the words "combat wounded
15 veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. In addition,
16 the special registration plate described under this subsection
17 shall be inscribed with a vignette of the official purple heart
18 medal.

19 (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
20 form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accompanied
21 by any proof **THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY REQUIRE** of the
22 applicant having been a prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl
23 Harbor survivor, ~~or~~ recipient of the purple heart medal, ~~that the~~
24 ~~secretary of state may require~~ **OR THE SPOUSE, PARENT, SIBLING, OR**
25 **CHILD OF A MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES WHO DIED DURING COMBAT.** The
26 application for a special registration plate shall also be
27 accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

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

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

22 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
23 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new
24 plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for
25 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a
26 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish the
27 proof provided in subsection (5).

1 (9) THE SPOUSE, PARENT, SIBLING, OR CHILD OF A MEMBER OF THE
2 ARMED SERVICES WHO DIED DURING COMBAT MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE
3 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE THAT SHALL BE
4 INSCRIBED WITH SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS PRECEDED BY A GOLD
5 STAR AND SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "GOLD STAR FAMILY" INSCRIBED BENEATH
6 THE REGISTRATION NUMBER.