

SENATE BILL No. 781

February 11, 2016, Introduced by Senators SCHUITMAKER and O'BRIEN 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 2011 PA 46.

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 ~~that~~
 4 ~~shall be~~ inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by
 5 the letters "EX-POW" and ~~shall have~~ the words "ex-prisoner of war"
 6 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 ~~, that shall be~~ inscribed with special
 10 identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and ~~shall have~~

1 the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the registration
2 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 ~~, that shall be~~ inscribed with special identification numbers
9 and ~~shall have~~ the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" inscribed beneath
10 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 ~~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~~ **IN** 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
21 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of
22 war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, **OR** recipient of
23 the purple heart medal that the secretary of state may require.
24 Application for a "Gold Star Family" special registration plate
25 described in subsection (9) shall be on a form prescribed by the
26 secretary of state and shall be accompanied by any proof of the
27 applicant having been a gold star family member that the secretary

1 of state may require. **APPLICATION FOR AN "HONOR AND REMEMBER"**
2 **SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE**
3 **SECRETARY OF STATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT IMPOSE ANY**
4 **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS UPON AN APPLICANT FOR AN "HONOR AND**
5 **REMEMBER" PLATE.** The application for a special registration plate
6 **UNDER SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (4) AND SUBSECTION (9)** shall also be
7 accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee. **THE SECRETARY OF**
8 **STATE SHALL NOT REQUIRE PAYMENT OF A \$5.00 SERVICE FEE FOR AN**
9 **"HONOR AND REMEMBER" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.**

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

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

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

10 (9) A gold star family member may make application to the
11 secretary of state for a special registration plate ~~that shall be~~
12 inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a gold
13 star and ~~shall have the words~~ "Gold Star Family" inscribed beneath
14 the registration number.

15 **(10) A PERSON MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE**
16 **FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE INSCRIBED WITH SPECIAL**
17 **IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS PRECEDED BY THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG AND**
18 **THE WORDS "HONOR AND REMEMBER" INSCRIBED BENEATH THE REGISTRATION**
19 **NUMBER. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG" MEANS**
20 **THE FLAG DEVELOPED BY THE HONOR AND REMEMBER ORGANIZATION.**

21 (11) ~~(10)~~As used in this section, "gold star family member"
22 means a person who has had an immediate family member die while
23 serving in the United States ~~armed forces~~ **ARMED FORCES** or in forces
24 incorporated as part of the United States ~~armed forces~~ **ARMED FORCES**
25 if the immediate family member meets any of the eligibility
26 criteria specified in 10 USC 1126(a)(1) to (3) for a gold star
27 lapel button.

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
2 after the date it is enacted into law.