

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 821

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 **APPLY** to the secretary of state for a special registration plate  
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 ~~, 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~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of state for a special  
8 registration plate, ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with special  
9 identification numbers and ~~shall have~~ the words "Pearl Harbor  
10 survivor" inscribed beneath the registration number.

11 (4) A person who is a recipient of the ~~purple heart medal~~  
12 **PURPLE HEART MEDAL** may ~~make application~~ **APPLY** to the secretary of  
13 state for a special registration plate ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with  
14 special identification numbers and ~~shall have~~ the words "combat  
15 wounded veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. In  
16 addition, the special registration plate described ~~under~~ **IN** this  
17 subsection shall be inscribed with a vignette of the official  
18 ~~purple heart medal~~. **PURPLE HEART 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~~ **PURPLE HEART MEDAL** that the secretary of  
24 state may require. Application for a "Gold Star Family" special  
25 registration plate described in subsection (9) **OR A "BLUE STAR**  
26 **FAMILY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (10)**  
27 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall

1 be accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a gold  
2 star **OR BLUE STAR** family member that the secretary of state may  
3 require. The application for a special registration plate shall  
4 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

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

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

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

5 (9) A gold star family member may ~~make application~~ **APPLY** to  
6 the secretary of state for a special registration plate that shall  
7 be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a gold  
8 star and shall have the words "Gold Star Family" inscribed beneath  
9 the registration number.

10 (10) **A MEMBER OF A BLUE STAR FAMILY MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY**  
11 **OF STATE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE THAT SHALL BE INSCRIBED**  
12 **WITH SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS PRECEDED BY A BLUE STAR**  
13 **FAMILIES INSIGNIA AND SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "BLUE STAR FAMILY"**  
14 **INSCRIBED BENEATH THE REGISTRATION NUMBER.**

15 (11) ~~(10)~~ As used in this section: ~~,"gold star family member"~~

16 (A) **"BLUE STAR FAMILY MEMBER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS CURRENTLY**  
17 **SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR IN FORCES INCORPORATED**  
18 **AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR A PERSON WHO HAS AN**  
19 **IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**  
20 **OR IN FORCES INCORPORATED AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED**  
21 **FORCES. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER"**  
22 **MEANS A PARENT, STEPPARENT, ADOPTIVE PARENT, FOSTER PARENT STANDING**  
23 **IN LOCO PARENTIS, CHILD, STEPCHILD, ADOPTED CHILD, SIBLING, HALF-**  
24 **SIBLING, SPOUSE, OR GRANDPARENT.**

25 (B) **"GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBER"** means a person who has had an  
26 immediate family member die while serving in the United States  
27 ~~armed forces~~ **ARMED FORCES** or in forces incorporated as part of the

1 United States ~~armed forces~~ **ARMED FORCES** if the immediate family  
2 member meets any of the eligibility criteria specified in 10 USC  
3 1126(a)(1) to (3) for a gold star lapel button.

4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect August 1,  
5 2019.