

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4723

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
(MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 803t.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 803t. (1) An individual who was or is a member of the  
2 United States Merchant Marine may apply to the secretary of state  
3 for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate  
4 vignette preceding the registration numbers and has the words  
5 "Merchant Marine" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

6           (2) The application for a special registration plate must be  
7 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and accompanied by  
8 any proof of the applicant being or having been a member of the  
9 United States Merchant Marine that the secretary of state may

1 require. The application for a special registration plate must not  
2 require a service fee under section 804.

3 (3) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall  
4 issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for  
5 each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. An individual who is  
6 a disabled person and applies for a special registration plate  
7 under this section must be issued a tab for persons with  
8 disabilities as provided in section 803h for the applicant's  
9 special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require  
10 the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is  
11 required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under  
12 section 675. An individual issued 1 or more special registration  
13 plates under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax  
14 provided in section 801.

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

19 (5) The special registration plate issued under this section  
20 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are  
21 issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the  
22 special registration plate must not require a service fee under  
23 section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof  
24 provided in subsection (2).

25 (6) As used in this section, "member of the United States  
26 Merchant Marine" means an individual who holds a past or present  
27 Merchant Mariner license or credential issued by the United States  
28 Coast Guard.