

SENATE BILL NO. 532

September 09, 2025, Introduced by Senators CHERRY, CHANG, SHINK and WOJNO and referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 803i (MCL 257.803i), as amended by 2022 PA 143.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803i. (1) A person who was or is a member of the National
2 Guard may apply to the secretary of state for a special
3 registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding
4 the registration numbers and has the words "national guard"
5 inscribed beneath the registration numbers for passenger vehicles

1 only.

2 (2) A person who was or is a member of the United States Armed
3 Forces Reserve may apply to the secretary of state for a special
4 registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding
5 the registration numbers.

6 (3) A person who ~~was a member of any branch of the United~~
7 ~~States Armed Forces who has retired or been granted an honorable~~
8 ~~discharge from that branch of the United States Armed Forces and~~
9 ~~who~~ is not otherwise eligible for a special registration plate
10 under this act may apply to the secretary of state for a special
11 registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding
12 the registration numbers **if the person is 1 of the following:**

13 (a) **Beginning 180 days after the effective date of the**
14 **amendatory act that added this subdivision, a current member of any**
15 **branch of the United States Armed Forces.**

16 (b) **A former member of any branch of the United States Armed**
17 **Forces who has retired or been granted an honorable discharge from**
18 **that branch of the United States Armed Forces.**

19 (4) Application for a special registration plate must be on a
20 form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied
21 by any proof of the applicant being or having been a member of the
22 National Guard or the United States Armed Forces Reserve or a
23 member as described in subsection (3) of the United States Armed
24 Forces that the secretary of state may require. The application for
25 a special registration plate must not require a service fee under
26 section 804.

27 (5) ~~Upon~~ **On** proper application, the secretary of state shall
28 issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for
29 each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle or, for the purposes

1 of subsection (1) or (3), for use on a motorcycle. A person who is
2 disabled who applies for a special registration plate under this
3 section must be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as
4 provided in section 803f for ~~his or her~~ **the person's** special
5 registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same
6 proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for
7 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A
8 person issued 1 or more special registration plates under
9 subsection (1), (2), or (3) must be assessed the applicable tax
10 provided in section 801.

11 (6) The use of a special registration plate issued under this
12 section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is
13 issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is
14 a misdemeanor.

15 (7) The special registration plate issued under this section
16 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are
17 issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the
18 special registration plate must not require a service fee under
19 section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof
20 provided in subsection (4).