



HOUSE BILL No. 6045

September 11, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Rhead, Green, McNutt and Middleton and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 803e of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended
"Michigan vehicle code,"
as amended by Act No. 104 of the Public Acts of 1994, being section 257.803e of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 803e of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts
2 of 1949, as amended by Act No. 104 of the Public Acts of 1994,
3 being section 257.803e of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 803e. (1) A person who has been a prisoner of war may
6 make application to the secretary of state for a special regis-
7 tration plate which shall be inscribed with special
8 identification numbers preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and shall

1 have the words "ex-prisoner of war" inscribed beneath the
2 registration number.

3 (2) A person who was a member of the armed services during
4 World War I may make application to the secretary of state for a
5 special registration plate, which shall be inscribed with special
6 identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and shall
7 have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the regis-
8 tration number.

9 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
10 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establish-
11 ment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived
12 the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may make
13 application to the secretary of state for a special registration
14 plate, which shall be inscribed with special identification num-
15 bers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" inscribed
16 beneath the registration number.

17 (4) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal
18 may make application to the secretary of state for a special reg-
19 istration plate which shall be inscribed with special identifica-
20 tion numbers and shall have the words "combat wounded veteran"
21 inscribed beneath the registration number. In addition, the spe-
22 cial registration plate described under this subsection shall be
23 inscribed with a vignette of the official purple heart medal.

24 (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
25 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
26 panied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of
27 war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of

1 the purple heart medal which the secretary of state may require.
2 The application for a special registration plate shall also be
3 accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

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

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

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