

HOUSE BILL No. 4437

March 23, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Ehardt, Pappageorge, Vear, Garcia, Mortimer, Richner, Schauer, Allen and Rick Johnson 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 1998 PA
68.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803e. (1) A person who ~~has been~~ WAS a prisoner of
2 war may ~~make application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a
3 special registration plate ~~which shall be~~ THAT IS inscribed
4 with special identification numbers preceded by the letters
5 "EX-POW" and ~~shall have~~ HAS 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~~ APPLY to the secretary of
9 state for a special registration plate ~~, which shall be~~ THAT IS
10 inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by the

1 letters "WWI" and ~~shall have~~ HAS the words "World War I
2 veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number.

3 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
4 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establish-
5 ment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived
6 the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may ~~make~~
7 ~~application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a special regis-
8 tration plate ~~, which shall be~~ THAT IS inscribed with special
9 identification numbers and ~~shall have~~ HAS the words "Pearl
10 Harbor survivor" inscribed beneath the registration number.

11 (4) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal
12 may ~~make application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a spe-
13 cial registration plate ~~which shall be~~ THAT IS inscribed with
14 special identification numbers AND A VIGNETTE OF THE OFFICIAL
15 PURPLE HEART MEDAL, and ~~shall have~~ HAS the words "combat
16 wounded veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. ~~In~~
17 ~~addition, the special registration plate described under this~~
18 ~~subsection shall be inscribed with a vignette of the official~~
19 ~~purple heart medal.~~

20 (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on
21 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accom-
22 panied by any proof ~~of~~ THAT the applicant ~~having been~~ WAS a
23 prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or
24 recipient of the purple heart medal ~~which~~ THAT the secretary of
25 state may require. The application for a special registration
26 plate shall also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service
27 fee.

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

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

23 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
24 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which
25 new plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for
26 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by

1 a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish
2 the proof provided in subsection (5).