

# HOUSE BILL No. 4193

February 13, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Ehardt, Bernero, Raczkowski, Richardville, Ruth Johnson, Patterson, Julian, Bishop, Pappageorge, Kuipers, Spade, Meyer, Bovin, Gosselin, Vander Roest and Mortimer 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).