

HOUSE BILL No. 4651

April 24, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Woronchak, Richardville, Raczkowski, Pappageorge, Julian, Ruth Johnson, Ehardt and Bishop and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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 a prisoner of war, OR
2 HIS OR HER SURVIVING SPOUSE, OR A PERSON WHOSE CURRENT SPOUSE HAS
3 BEEN A PRISONER OF WAR may make application to the secretary of
4 state for a special registration plate which shall be inscribed
5 with special identification numbers preceded by the letters
6 "EX-POW" and shall have the words "ex-prisoner of war" inscribed
7 beneath the registration number.

8 (2) A person who was a member of the armed services during
9 World War I may make application to the secretary of state for a
10 special registration plate, which shall be inscribed with special

1 identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and shall
2 have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the regis-
3 tration number.

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

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

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

26 (6) Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00~~
27 ~~service fee,~~ the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more

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

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

21 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
22 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which
23 new plates are issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application~~
24 ~~for renewal of the special registration plate shall be accom-~~
25 ~~panied by a \$5.00 service fee.~~ The applicant is not required to
26 furnish the proof provided in subsection (5) TO RENEW THE SPECIAL

- 1 REGISTRATION PLATE. A SERVICE FEE SHALL NOT BE ASSESSED FOR A
- 2 REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION.