

# HOUSE BILL No. 5921

March 20, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Mayes and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 803i (MCL 257.803i), as amended by 1998 PA 68.

**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, which shall display an appropriate vignette  
4 preceding the registration numbers and shall have the words  
5 "national guard" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

6           (2) A PERSON WHO WAS OR IS A MEMBER OF THE COAST GUARD MAY  
7 APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE,  
8 WHICH SHALL DISPLAY AN APPROPRIATE VIGNETTE PRECEDING THE  
9 REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "COAST GUARD"

1 **INSCRIBED BENEATH THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS.**

2 (3) ~~(2)~~—A person who was or is a member of the military  
3 reserve may apply to the secretary of state for a special  
4 registration plate, which shall display an appropriate vignette  
5 preceding the registration numbers.

6 (4) ~~(3)~~—A person who was a member of any branch of the armed  
7 services of the United States, who has retired or been granted an  
8 honorable discharge from that branch of the armed forces, and who  
9 is not otherwise eligible for a special registration plate under  
10 this act may apply to the secretary of state for a special  
11 registration plate, which shall display an appropriate vignette  
12 preceding the registration numbers.

13 (5) ~~(4)~~—Application for a special registration plate shall be  
14 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be  
15 accompanied by any proof of the applicant being or having been a  
16 member of the national guard, **COAST GUARD**, or military reserve or a  
17 member of any branch of the armed services of the United States as  
18 described in subsection ~~(3)~~—(4) that the secretary of state may  
19 require. The application for a special registration plate shall  
20 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

21 (6) ~~(5)~~—Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00  
22 service fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special  
23 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger  
24 vehicle. A person who is disabled who applies for a special  
25 registration plate under this section and who pays the \$5.00  
26 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as  
27 provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate.

1 The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the  
2 applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a  
3 permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1  
4 or more special registration plates under subsection (1), (2), ~~or~~  
5 (3), **OR (4)** shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in  
6 section 801.

7 (7) ~~(6)~~—The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle  
8 other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a  
9 person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

10 (8) ~~(7)~~—The special registration plate issued under this  
11 section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new  
12 plates are issued by the secretary of state, application for  
13 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a  
14 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be required to furnish  
15 the proof provided in subsection ~~(4)~~—(5).