

# SENATE BILL No. 1652

December 2, 2008, Introduced by Senator OLSHOVE and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a totally disabled veteran with  
 2 an honorable discharge from the armed services ~~may make an~~  
 3 ~~application~~ **OR THE SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO IS A TOTALLY DISABLED**  
 4 **VETERAN WITH AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED SERVICES MAY**  
 5 **APPLY** to the secretary of state if he or she owns a private  
 6 passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue a  
 7 special registration plate ~~which~~ **THAT** shall be inscribed with  
 8 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and  
 9 shall have the words "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the  
 10 registration number. For the purposes of this section, "private

1 passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle ~~which~~ **THAT** is  
2 personally owned by the disabled veteran **OR HIS OR HER SPOUSE** and  
3 is used for the primary purpose of transporting the disabled  
4 veteran and family members of the disabled veteran, but does not  
5 include a motor home.

6 (2) Application for the special registration plate shall be on  
7 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be  
8 accompanied by a service fee of \$5.00 and proof that the applicant  
9 **OR THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE** was honorably discharged from the armed  
10 services and either 1 of the following:

11 (a) That the applicant **OR THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE** has been  
12 determined by the veterans' administration of the federal  
13 government to have a service-connected total or permanent total  
14 disability rating for compensation.

15 (b) That the applicant **OR THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE** has been  
16 determined to have a service-connected total or permanent total  
17 disability rating and is receiving disability retirement pay from a  
18 branch of the uniformed armed services.

19 (3) A special registration issued under this section is exempt  
20 from payment of the tax provided in section 801.

21 (4) The special registration plate shall expire on the  
22 birthday of the ~~disabled veteran~~ **APPLICANT** in a year in which new  
23 plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for  
24 renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a  
25 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not be required to furnish  
26 the proof provided in subsection (2).

27 (5) The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person who

1 has been issued a special registration plate under this section **OR**  
2 **HIS OR HER SPOUSE** a tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for  
3 persons with disabilities shall be an adhesive tab displaying the  
4 international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that  
5 symbol. The tab for persons with disabilities may be attached only  
6 to the special registration plate issued to the disabled person **OR**  
7 **HIS OR HER SPOUSE** under this section.

8 (6) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities  
9 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The  
10 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant  
11 **OR THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE** is a disabled person as is required for  
12 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675.

13 (7) The tab for persons with disabilities shall be issued free  
14 of charge.

15 (8) When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for  
16 persons with disabilities **OR HIS OR HER SPOUSE** renews his or her  
17 special registration plate under this section, the secretary of  
18 state shall issue a new tab for persons with disabilities to the  
19 disabled person **OR HIS OR HER SPOUSE**, free of charge. The disabled  
20 person **OR HIS OR HER SPOUSE** shall not be required to again furnish  
21 the proof required under subsection (6).

22 (9) The use of the special registration plate or a tab for  
23 persons with disabilities on a motor vehicle other than the motor  
24 vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued, or by a  
25 person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.