

HOUSE BILL No. 5737

January 13, 2010, Introduced by Reps. Polidori, Terry Brown, Miller, Geiss, Daley, Lemmons, Lahti, Leland, Valentine, Young, Donigan, Switalski, Haugh, Byrum and Dean 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 2003 PA 30.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

1 shall have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the
2 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 establishment
5 at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived the
6 attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may make
7 application to the secretary of state for a special registration
8 plate ~~which~~ **THAT** shall be inscribed with special identification
9 numbers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" inscribed
10 beneath the registration number.

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

19 **(5) A PERSON WHO IS THE FAMILY MEMBER OF A RECIPIENT OF THE**
20 **PURPLE HEART MEDAL MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE**
21 **FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE THAT SHALL BE INSCRIBED WITH**
22 **SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS AND SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "FAMILY**
23 **MEMBER OF A COMBAT WOUNDED VETERAN" INSCRIBED BENEATH THE**
24 **REGISTRATION NUMBER. IN ADDITION, THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**
25 **DESCRIBED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE INSCRIBED WITH A VIGNETTE**
26 **OF THE OFFICIAL PURPLE HEART MEDAL.**

27 (6) ~~(5)~~ Application for a special registration plate shall be

1 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be
2 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of
3 war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, ~~or~~ recipient of
4 the purple heart medal, **OR FAMILY MEMBER OF A RECIPIENT OF THE**
5 **PURPLE HEART MEDAL** that the secretary of state may require. The
6 application for a special registration plate shall also be
7 accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

8 (7) ~~(6)~~—Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00
9 service fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
10 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
11 vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a
12 special registration plate under this section and who makes payment
13 of the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with
14 disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special
15 registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same
16 proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for
17 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. One
18 person in any household is entitled to 1 special registration plate
19 issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from payment of the tax
20 provided in section 801. The person who is issued an additional
21 special registration plate under subsection (1) shall be assessed
22 the applicable tax provided for in section 801. A person issued 1
23 or more special registration plates under subsection (2), (3), ~~or~~
24 (4), **OR (5)** shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in
25 section 801.

26 (8) ~~(7)~~—The use of a special registration plate on a vehicle
27 other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or by a

1 person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.

2 (9) ~~(8)~~—The special registration plate issued under this
3 section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in
4 which new plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application
5 for renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied
6 by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish
7 the proof provided in subsection ~~(5)~~—(6).