

SENATE BILL NO. 532

September 09, 2025, Introduced by Senators CHERRY, CHANG, SHINK and WOJNO and referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 803i (MCL 257.803i), as amended by 2022 PA 143.

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 that displays an appropriate vignette preceding
4 the registration numbers and has the words "national guard"
5 inscribed beneath the registration numbers for passenger vehicles

1 only.

2 (2) A person who was or is a member of the United States Armed
3 Forces Reserve may apply to the secretary of state for a special
4 registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding
5 the registration numbers.

6 (3) A person who ~~was a member of any branch of the United~~
7 ~~States Armed Forces who has retired or been granted an honorable~~
8 ~~discharge from that branch of the United States Armed Forces and~~
9 ~~who~~ is not otherwise eligible for a special registration plate
10 under this act may apply to the secretary of state for a special
11 registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding
12 the registration numbers **if the person is 1 of the following:**

13 (a) **Beginning 180 days after the effective date of the**
14 **amendatory act that added this subdivision, a current member of any**
15 **branch of the United States Armed Forces.**

16 (b) **A former member of any branch of the United States Armed**
17 **Forces who has retired or been granted an honorable discharge from**
18 **that branch of the United States Armed Forces.**

19 (4) Application for a special registration plate must be on a
20 form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied
21 by any proof of the applicant being or having been a member of the
22 National Guard or the United States Armed Forces Reserve or a
23 member as described in subsection (3) of the United States Armed
24 Forces that the secretary of state may require. **The application of**
25 **an active duty member must include permission from the applicant's**
26 **unit commander endorsing the application, in a form and manner as**
27 **prescribed by the department.** The application for a special
28 registration plate must not require a service fee under section
29 804.

1 (5) ~~Upon~~**On** proper application, the secretary of state shall
2 issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for
3 each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle or, for the purposes
4 of subsection (1) or (3), for use on a motorcycle. A person who is
5 disabled who applies for a special registration plate under this
6 section must be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as
7 provided in section 803f for ~~his or her~~**the person's** special
8 registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same
9 proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for
10 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. A
11 person issued 1 or more special registration plates under
12 subsection (1), (2), or (3) must be assessed the applicable tax
13 provided in section 801.

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

18 (7) The special registration plate issued under this section
19 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are
20 issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the
21 special registration plate must not require a service fee under
22 section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof
23 provided in subsection (4).