

HOUSE BILL No. 6160

June 8, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Taub, Elsenheimer, Sak, Garfield, Caswell, Shaffer, Vander Veen, Hune, Meyer, Walker, Van Regenmorter, Green, Caul, LaJoy, Marleau, Schuitmaker, Amos, Booher, Steil, Moolenaar, Newell, Pastor, Emmons, Nitz, Ball, Gosselin, Pearce, Hummel, Hildenbrand, Farhat, Baxter, Proos, Acciavatti, Gaffney, Mortimer, Rocca, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Robertson, Pavlov, Hansen, Jones, Kahn, David Law, Wenke, Dillon, Stahl, Stewart, Huizenga, Ward, McConico, Meisner and Kooiman 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

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

4 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
5 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establishment
6 at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived the
7 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—~~ **THAT** shall be inscribed with special identification
10 numbers 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 may
13 make application to the secretary of state for a special
14 registration plate ~~—which—~~ **THAT** shall be inscribed with special
15 identification numbers and shall have the words "combat wounded
16 veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. In addition,
17 the special registration plate described under this subsection
18 shall be inscribed with a vignette of the official purple heart
19 medal.

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

1 (6) A PERSON WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF A SILVER SERVICE STAR MAY
2 MAKE APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A SPECIAL
3 REGISTRATION PLATE THAT SHALL BE INSCRIBED WITH SPECIAL
4 IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS AND SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "SILVER SERVICE
5 STAR VETERAN" INSCRIBED BENEATH THE REGISTRATION NUMBER. IN
6 ADDITION, THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESCRIBED UNDER THIS
7 SUBSECTION SHALL BE INSCRIBED WITH A VIGNETTE OF THE OFFICIAL
8 SILVER SERVICE STAR.

9 (7) ~~-(5)-~~ Application for a special registration plate shall
10 be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be
11 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of
12 war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of
13 the purple heart medal, **BRONZE SERVICE STAR, OR SILVER SERVICE STAR**
14 that the secretary of state may require. The application for a
15 special registration plate shall also be accompanied with payment
16 of a \$5.00 service fee.

17 (8) ~~-(6)-~~ Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00
18 service fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
19 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
20 vehicle. A person who is disabled who makes application for a
21 special registration plate under this section and who makes payment
22 of the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with
23 disabilities as provided in section 803f for his or her special
24 registration plate. The secretary of state shall require the same
25 proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is required for
26 issuance of a permanent windshield placard under section 675. One
27 person in any household is entitled to 1 special registration plate

1 issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from payment of the tax
2 provided in section 801. The person who is issued an additional
3 special registration plate under subsection (1) shall be assessed
4 the applicable tax provided for in section 801. A person issued 1
5 or more special registration plates under subsection (2), (3), or
6 (4) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

7 **(9)** ~~-(7)-~~ 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 **(10)** ~~-(8)-~~ The special registration plate issued under this
11 section expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in
12 which new plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application
13 for renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied
14 by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish
15 the proof provided in subsection ~~-(5)-~~ **(7)**.