

SENATE BILL No. 820

October 9, 2007, Introduced by Senators RICHARDVILLE, ALLEN, GARCIA, KAHN, PAPPAGEORGE, ANDERSON, CROUSEY, HARDIMAN, BIRKHOLOZ, JANSEN, CHERRY, WHITMER, KUIPERS, SCOTT, CLARKE, OLSHOVE, PRUSI, BARCIA, CLARK-COLEMAN, JACOBS, SWITALSKI, CASSIS, GEORGE, GILBERT, SANBORN, PATTERSON, JELINEK, VAN WOERKOM, STAMAS, McMANUS, BROWN and BISHOP and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

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) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a
21 form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accompanied
22 by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of war, World
23 War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of the purple
24 heart medal that the secretary of state may require. ~~The~~
25 ~~application for a special registration plate shall also be~~
26 ~~accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.~~

27 (6) Upon proper application, ~~and payment of the \$5.00 service~~

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

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

20 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section
21 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new
22 plates are issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application for~~
23 ~~renewal of the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a~~
24 ~~\$5.00 service fee.~~ The applicant is not required to furnish the
25 proof provided in subsection (5).