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Senate Bill 102 (Substitute S-3 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator John Pappageorge
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit a "Gold Star family member" to apply to the Secretary of State (SOS) for a Gold Star Family special registration plate.

"Gold Star family member" would mean a person who has had an immediate family member die while serving in the United States Armed Forces, or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces, if the family member met any of the Federal eligibility criteria for a Gold Star Lapel Button.

The plate would have to be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a gold star and have the words "Gold Star Family" inscribed beneath the registration number.

The Code permits a person who was a prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or Purple Heart medal recipient to apply to the SOS for a special registration plate. The application must be on a form prescribed by the SOS and must be accompanied by a \$5 service fee and proof that the applicant was a prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of the Purple Heart. A person issued a special registration plate must be assessed the applicable registration fee.

The bill would extend those provisions to a Gold Star family member. The application would have to be accompanied by proof of the applicant's relationship to the deceased.

The bill would take effect on July 1, 2011.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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