

Legislative Analysis



GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE

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House Bill 4088

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Genetski

Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4088 AS INTRODUCED 1-18-11

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit the spouse, parent, sibling, or child of a member of the Armed Services who died during combat to apply to the Secretary of State for a Gold Star Family special registration plate. 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.

Currently, the Vehicle Code permits a person who was a prisoner of war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, or purple heart medal recipient, among others, to apply to for a special registration plate. The application is on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State and must be accompanied by a \$5 service fee and proof that the applicant is eligible. A person issued a special registration plate would be assessed the applicable registration fee.

House Bill 4088 would extend those provisions to the spouse, parent, sibling, or child of a member of the Armed Services who died during combat. The application would have to be accompanied by any proof that the Secretary of State required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Secretary of State does not expect their costs on the new "Gold Star Family" license plate to exceed the \$5 service fee.

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