

HOUSE BILL No. 5117

October 25, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Switalski, Meadows and LeBlanc and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
 "Michigan vehicle code,"
 by amending section 803f (MCL 257.803f), as amended by 1998 PA 68.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a totally disabled veteran with
 2 an honorable discharge from the armed services **OR A PERSON WHOSE**
 3 **IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IS A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN WITH AN**
 4 **HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED SERVICES** may make an application
 5 to the secretary of state if he or she owns a private passenger
 6 motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue ~~a~~**1 OR MORE**
 7 special registration ~~plate which~~**PLATES TO EACH APPLICANT THAT**
 8 shall be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by
 9 the letters "DV" and shall have the words "disabled veteran"
 10 inscribed beneath the registration number. For the purposes of this

1 section: ~~,"private~~

2 (A) "IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER" MEANS A SPOUSE, PARENT, CHILD,
3 OR SIBLING RESIDING IN THAT PERSON'S HOUSEHOLD.

4 (B) "PRIVATE passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle
5 ~~which~~ THAT is personally owned by the disabled veteran OR HIS OR
6 HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER and is used for the primary purpose of
7 transporting the disabled veteran and family members of the
8 disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

9 (2) Application for the special registration plate shall be on
10 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be
11 accompanied by a service fee of \$5.00 and proof that the applicant
12 OR THE APPLICANT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER was honorably discharged
13 from the armed services and either 1 of the following:

14 (a) That the applicant OR HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER
15 has been determined by the veterans' administration of the federal
16 government to have a service-connected total or permanent total
17 disability rating for compensation.

18 (b) That the applicant OR HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER
19 has been determined to have a service-connected total or permanent
20 total disability rating and is receiving disability retirement pay
21 from a branch of the uniformed armed services.

22 (3) A special registration issued TO A DISABLED VETERAN under
23 this section is exempt from payment of the tax provided in section
24 801. A SPECIAL REGISTRATION ISSUED TO AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF
25 A DISABLED VETERAN UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE TAX
26 PROVIDED IN SECTION 801 OR A TAX TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY
27 OF STATE, AT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DISCRETION.

1 (4) The special registration plate shall expire on the
2 birthday of the ~~disabled veteran~~ **PERSON APPLYING FOR THE SPECIAL**
3 **REGISTRATION PLATE** in a year in which new plates are issued by the
4 secretary of state. Application for renewal of the special
5 registration plate shall be accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The
6 applicant **OR THE APPLICANT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER** shall not be
7 required to furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).

8 (5) The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person **OR**
9 **HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER** who has been issued a special
10 registration plate under this section a tab for persons with
11 disabilities. The tab for persons with disabilities shall be an
12 adhesive tab displaying the international wheelchair symbol or a
13 reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab for persons with
14 disabilities may be attached only to the special registration plate
15 issued to the disabled person **OR HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER**
16 under this section.

17 (6) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
18 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
19 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant
20 **OR HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER** is a disabled person as is
21 required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under
22 section 675.

23 (7) The tab for persons with disabilities shall be issued free
24 of charge.

25 (8) When a disabled person **OR HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY**
26 **MEMBER** who has been issued a tab for persons with disabilities
27 renews his or her special registration plate under this section,

1 the secretary of state shall issue a new tab for persons with
2 disabilities to the disabled person, free of charge. The disabled
3 person **OR HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER** shall not be required
4 to again furnish the proof required under subsection (6).

5 (9) The use of the special registration plate or a tab for
6 persons with disabilities on a motor vehicle other than the motor
7 vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued, or by a
8 person who does not qualify under this section, is a misdemeanor.