

HOUSE BILL NO. 5234

November 07, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Ellison, Greig, Sneller, Clemente, Pohutsky, Yaroch, Bolden, Love, Lasinski, Hood, Sabo, Sowerby, Cherry, Manoogian, Hope, Tate, Shannon, Haadsma, Stone, Brixie, Kennedy, Wittenberg, Tyrone Carter, Hammoud, Yancey, Whitsett, Coleman, Jones and Koleszar 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 2018 PA 681.

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 may make an
3 application to the secretary of state if he or she owns a private
4 passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue a
5 special registration plate inscribed with special identification



1 numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and the words "disabled
 2 veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. ~~For the~~
 3 ~~purposes of~~ **As used in** this section, "private passenger motor
 4 vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is personally owned by ~~the a~~
 5 disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of
 6 transporting the disabled veteran and **his or her** family members, ~~of~~
 7 ~~the disabled veteran,~~ but does not include a motor home.

8 (2) ~~Application~~ **An application** for the special registration
 9 plate **described in subsection (1)** must be on a form prescribed by
 10 the secretary of state and must be accompanied by a service fee of
 11 \$5.00 and proof that the applicant was honorably discharged from
 12 the armed services and ~~either~~ 1 of the following:

13 (a) ~~That~~ **If the applicant is a totally disabled veteran, that**
 14 the applicant has been determined by the United States Department
 15 of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected total or permanent
 16 total disability rating for compensation.

17 (b) ~~That~~ **If the applicant is a totally disabled veteran, that**
 18 the applicant has been determined to have a service-connected total
 19 or permanent total disability rating and is receiving disability
 20 retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed armed services.

21 (c) **If the applicant is a partially disabled veteran, that the**
 22 **applicant has been determined to have a service-connected**
 23 **disability rating.**

24 (3) A special registration issued under this section is exempt
 25 from payment of the tax provided **for** in section 801. **This**
 26 **subsection only applies to a totally disabled veteran described in**
 27 **subsection (2) (a) or (b).**

28 (4) ~~The~~ **A special registration plate issued to a totally**
 29 **disabled veteran described in subsection (2) (a) or (b) expires on**



1 the birthday of the **totally** disabled veteran in a year in which new
 2 plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for
 3 renewal of the special registration plate must be accompanied by a
 4 \$5.00 service fee. The applicant ~~shall is~~ not ~~be~~ required to
 5 furnish the proof provided in subsection (2).

6 **(5) A special registration plate issued to a partially**
 7 **disabled veteran described in subsection (2)(c) expires as provided**
 8 **in section 226, and a partially disabled veteran shall apply for**
 9 **renewal of the special registration plate as provided in section**
 10 **226. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in**
 11 **subsection (2).**

12 **(6) ~~(5)~~The surviving spouse of a person who is a ~~totally~~**
 13 **disabled veteran with a **service-connected disability rating from****
 14 **the United States Department of Veterans Affairs of at least 50%**
 15 **and an honorable discharge from the armed services may use a**
 16 **special registration plate issued under this section after the**
 17 **death of the ~~totally~~disabled veteran and may renew a special**
 18 **registration plate issued under this section after the death of the**
 19 **~~totally~~disabled veteran in the same manner as provided under this**
 20 **section for a ~~totally~~disabled veteran **with the same service-****
 21 **connected disability rating as the deceased disabled veteran. If**
 22 **applicable, a surviving spouse shall apply for registration of the**
 23 **vehicle upon which he or she wishes to place the disabled veteran**
 24 **plate before using or renewing the plate as described in this**
 25 **section.**

26 **(7) ~~(6)~~The **If applicable, the** secretary of state may issue to**
 27 **a disabled ~~person~~veteran who has been issued a special**
 28 **registration plate under this section a tab for persons with**
 29 **disabilities. The tab for persons with disabilities must be an**



1 adhesive tab displaying the international wheelchair symbol or a
 2 reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab for persons with
 3 disabilities may be attached only to the special registration plate
 4 issued to the disabled ~~person~~-**veteran** under this section.

5 (8) ~~(7)~~—An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
 6 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
 7 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant
 8 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent
 9 windshield placard under section 675. If the surviving spouse of a
 10 ~~totally~~-disabled veteran is a disabled person, he or she may apply
 11 to the secretary of state for a tab for persons with disabilities
 12 in the same manner as provided for a ~~totally~~-disabled veteran under
 13 this subsection.

14 (9) ~~(8)~~—The **A** tab for persons with disabilities **issued under**
 15 **subsection (7)** must be issued free of charge.

16 (10) ~~(9)~~—When a disabled ~~person~~-**veteran** who has been issued a
 17 tab for persons with disabilities renews his or her special
 18 registration plate under this section, the secretary of state shall
 19 issue a new tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled
 20 ~~person,~~-**veteran**, free of charge. The disabled ~~person~~-**shall**-**veteran**
 21 **is** not ~~be~~-required to again furnish the proof required under
 22 subsection ~~(7)~~-**(8)**.

23 (11) ~~(10)~~—The use of the special registration plate or a tab
 24 for persons with disabilities on a motor vehicle other than the
 25 motor vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued,
 26 or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a
 27 misdemeanor.

28 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect August 1,
 29 2021.

