

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5245

November 13, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Tyrone Carter, Bolden, Manoogian, Garza, Liberati, Shannon, Tate, Brenda Carter, Hammoud, Coleman, Kennedy, Robinson, Haadsma, Peterson, Kuppa, Hope, Neeley, Chirkun, Mueller, Schroeder, Sowerby, Yancey, Sabo, Whitsett, Cambensy, Lasinski, Cynthia Johnson, Hood, Gay-Dagnogo, Witwer, Garrett and Jones and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 217d, 803e, and 803f (MCL 257.217d, 257.803e, and 257.803f), section 217d as amended by 2006 PA 562, section 803e as amended by 2011 PA 46, and section 803f as amended by 2018 PA 681.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           Sec. 217d. (1) The secretary of state shall design and may



1 issue a special congressional medal of honor registration plate for  
2 residents of this state awarded the congressional medal of honor.

3 (2) A special congressional medal of honor registration plate  
4 ~~shall be~~**is** issued only for 1 vehicle intended for personal use by  
5 the applicant.

6 (3) A person who is a recipient of the congressional medal of  
7 honor may apply to the secretary of state for a special  
8 registration plate under this section on a form prescribed by the  
9 secretary of state, which ~~shall~~**must** be accompanied by any proof of  
10 the applicant having been a congressional medal of honor recipient  
11 that the secretary of state may require. The secretary of state  
12 shall waive the \$5.00 service fee requirement under section 804.

13 (4) A person who qualifies to be issued a special registration  
14 plate under this section is entitled to only 1 special registration  
15 plate issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from payment of  
16 the tax provided in section 801.

17 (5) A person with disabilities who applies for a special  
18 registration plate under this section ~~shall~~**must** be issued a tab  
19 for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his  
20 or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall  
21 require the same proof that the applicant is disabled as is  
22 required for ~~issuance of~~**issuing** a permanent windshield placard  
23 under section 675.

24 (6) A special registration plate issued under subsection (1)  
25 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new  
26 plates are issued by the secretary of state.

27 (7) The secretary of state shall deliver or cause to be  
28 delivered 1 or more special registration plates issued under this  
29 section to the home address of the applicant at no additional cost



1 to the applicant.

2 (8) In lieu of a special registration plate, the secretary of  
3 state shall issue upon request a standard registration plate to a  
4 person who qualifies to be issued a special registration plate  
5 under this section. A standard registration plate issued under this  
6 subsection is exempt from payment of the tax provided in section  
7 801, and the secretary of state shall not charge a service fee for  
8 issuing the plate.

9 Sec. 803e. (1) A person who has been a prisoner of war or a  
10 person whose spouse has been a prisoner of war may ~~make application~~  
11 **apply** to the secretary of state for a special registration plate  
12 ~~that shall be inscribed with special identification numbers~~  
13 preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and ~~shall have the words "ex-~~  
14 ~~prisoner of war" inscribed beneath the registration number.~~

15 (2) A person who was a member of the ~~armed services~~ **United**  
16 **States Armed Forces** during World War I may ~~make application~~ **apply**  
17 to the secretary of state for a special registration plate, ~~that~~  
18 ~~shall be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by~~  
19 the letters "WWI" and ~~shall have the words "World War I veteran"~~  
20 ~~inscribed beneath the registration number.~~

21 (3) A person who was a member of the ~~armed services~~ **United**  
22 **States Armed Forces** during 1941, stationed at a United States  
23 military or naval establishment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian  
24 islands, and who survived the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on  
25 December 7, 1941 may ~~make application~~ **apply** to the secretary of  
26 state for a special registration plate, ~~that shall be inscribed~~  
27 with special identification numbers and ~~shall have the words "Pearl~~  
28 ~~Harbor survivor" inscribed beneath the registration number.~~

29 (4) A person who is a recipient of the ~~purple heart medal~~



1 **Purple Heart Medal** may ~~make application~~ **apply** to the secretary of  
 2 state for a special registration plate ~~that shall be~~ inscribed with  
 3 special identification numbers and ~~shall have~~ the words "combat  
 4 wounded veteran" ~~inscribed~~ beneath the registration number. In  
 5 addition, the special registration plate described ~~under~~ **in** this  
 6 subsection ~~shall~~ **must** be inscribed with a vignette of the official  
 7 ~~purple heart medal~~. **Purple Heart Medal.**

8 (5) Application for a special registration plate ~~shall~~ **must** be  
 9 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and ~~shall~~ **must** be  
 10 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of  
 11 war, World War I veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, **or** recipient of  
 12 the ~~purple heart medal~~ **Purple Heart Medal** that the secretary of  
 13 state may require. Application for a "Gold Star Family" special  
 14 registration plate described in subsection (9) ~~shall~~ **must** be on a  
 15 form prescribed by the secretary of state and ~~shall~~ **must** be  
 16 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a gold star  
 17 family member that the secretary of state may require. The  
 18 application for a special registration plate ~~shall~~ **must** also be  
 19 accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

20 (6) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service  
 21 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special  
 22 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger  
 23 vehicle. A person who is disabled who ~~makes application~~ **applies** for  
 24 a special registration plate under this section and who ~~makes~~  
 25 ~~payment of~~ **pays** the \$5.00 service fee ~~shall~~ **must** be issued a tab  
 26 for persons with disabilities as provided in section 803f for his  
 27 or her special registration plate. The secretary of state shall  
 28 require the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as  
 29 is required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under



1 section 675. One person in any household is entitled to 1 special  
2 registration plate issued under subsection (1) that is exempt from  
3 payment of the tax provided in section 801. The person who is  
4 issued an additional special registration plate under subsection  
5 (1) ~~shall~~**must** be assessed the applicable tax provided for in  
6 section 801. A person issued 1 or more special registration plates  
7 under subsection (2), (3), (4), or (9) ~~shall~~**must** be assessed the  
8 applicable tax provided in section 801.

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

12 (8) The special registration plate issued under this section  
13 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a year in which new  
14 plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for  
15 renewal of the special registration plate ~~shall~~**must** be accompanied  
16 by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant is not required to furnish  
17 the proof provided in subsection (5).

18 (9) A gold star family member may ~~make application~~**apply** to  
19 the secretary of state for a special registration plate ~~that shall~~  
20 ~~be~~ inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by a gold  
21 star and ~~shall have~~ the words "Gold Star Family" inscribed beneath  
22 the registration number.

23 (10) **In lieu of a special registration plate, the secretary of**  
24 **state shall issue upon request a standard registration plate to a**  
25 **person who qualifies to be issued a special registration plate**  
26 **under subsection (1). A standard registration plate issued under**  
27 **this subsection is exempt from payment of the tax provided in**  
28 **section 801.**

29 (11) ~~(10)~~As used in this section, "gold star family member"



1 means a person who has had an immediate family member die while  
2 serving in the United States ~~armed forces~~ **Armed Forces** or in forces  
3 incorporated as part of the United States ~~armed forces~~ **Armed Forces**  
4 if the immediate family member meets any of the eligibility  
5 criteria specified in 10 USC 1126(a)(1) to (3) for a gold star  
6 lapel button.

7       Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a totally disabled veteran with  
8 an honorable discharge from the ~~armed services~~ **United States Armed**  
9 **Forces** may ~~make an application~~ **apply** to the secretary of state if  
10 he or she owns a private passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary  
11 of state may issue a special registration plate inscribed with  
12 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and the  
13 words "disabled veteran" ~~inscribed~~ beneath the registration number.  
14 ~~For the purposes of~~ **As used in** this section, "private passenger  
15 motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is personally owned by  
16 the disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of  
17 transporting the disabled veteran and family members of the  
18 disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

19       (2) Application for the special registration plate must be on  
20 a form prescribed by the secretary of state and must be accompanied  
21 by a service fee of \$5.00 and proof that the applicant was  
22 honorably discharged from the ~~armed services~~ **United States Armed**  
23 **Forces** and either 1 of the following:

24       (a) That the applicant has been determined by the United  
25 States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected  
26 total or permanent total disability rating for compensation.

27       (b) That the applicant has been determined to have a service-  
28 connected total or permanent total disability rating and is  
29 receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed



1 armed services.

2 (3) A special registration issued under this section is exempt  
3 from payment of the tax provided in section 801.

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

10 (5) The surviving spouse of a person who is a totally disabled  
11 veteran with an honorable discharge from the ~~armed services~~**United**  
12 **States Armed Forces** may use a special registration plate issued  
13 under this section after the death of the totally disabled veteran  
14 and may renew a special registration plate issued under this  
15 section after the death of the totally disabled veteran in the same  
16 manner as provided under this section for a totally disabled  
17 veteran. If applicable, a surviving spouse shall apply for  
18 registration of the vehicle upon which he or she wishes to place  
19 the disabled veteran plate before using or renewing the plate as  
20 described in this section.

21 (6) The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person who  
22 has been issued a special registration plate under this section a  
23 tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with  
24 disabilities must be an adhesive tab displaying the international  
25 wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab  
26 for persons with disabilities may be attached only to the special  
27 registration plate issued to the disabled person under this  
28 section.

29 (7) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities



1 ~~shall~~**must** be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The  
2 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant  
3 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent  
4 windshield placard under section 675. If the surviving spouse of a  
5 totally disabled veteran is a disabled person, he or she may apply  
6 to the secretary of state for a tab for persons with disabilities  
7 in the same manner as provided for a totally disabled veteran under  
8 this subsection.

9 (8) The tab for persons with disabilities must be issued free  
10 of charge.

11 (9) When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for  
12 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration  
13 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new  
14 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of  
15 charge. The disabled person shall not be required to again furnish  
16 the proof required under subsection (7).

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

21 **(11) In lieu of a special registration plate, the secretary of**  
22 **state shall issue upon request a standard registration plate to a**  
23 **person who qualifies to be issued a special registration plate**  
24 **under this section. A standard registration plate issued under this**  
25 **subsection is exempt from payment of the tax provided in section**  
26 **801.**

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
28 after the date it is enacted into law.

