

SENATE BILL NO. 191

March 12, 2019, Introduced by Senators MACDONALD, HOLLIER, RUNESTAD, LUCIDO, ANANICH and ALEXANDER and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 **a service-connected disability rating from the United States**
3 **Department of Veterans Affairs of at least 50% and** an honorable
4 discharge from the armed services may make an application to the
5 secretary of state if he or she owns a private passenger motor

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

10 (2) ~~Application~~ **An application** for the special registration
 11 plate **described in subsection (1)** must be on a form prescribed by
 12 the secretary of state and must be accompanied by a service fee of
 13 \$5.00 and proof that the applicant was honorably discharged from
 14 the armed services and ~~either~~ **1** of the following:

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

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

23 (c) **If the applicant is a partially disabled veteran, that the**
 24 **applicant has been determined to have a service-connected**
 25 **disability rating of at least 50%.**

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

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

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

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

28 (7) ~~(6)~~ **The** **If applicable, the** secretary of state may issue to
29 a disabled ~~person~~ **veteran** who has been issued a special

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

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

16 (9) ~~(8)~~—The **A** tab for persons with disabilities **issued under**
17 **subsection (7)** must be issued free of charge.

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

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

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect August 1,
2 2019.