

HOUSE BILL NO. 4681

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A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 803f (MCL 257.803f), as amended by 2024 PA 149.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803f. (1) An individual who is a disabled veteran with an
2 honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces may apply
3 to the secretary of state if the disabled veteran owns a private
4 passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue a
5 **either of the following:**

1 **(a) A** special registration plate inscribed with special
 2 identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and the words
 3 "disabled veteran" beneath the registration number.

4 **(b) A service or conflict registration plate with a special**
 5 **adhesive tab that displays the letters "DV" or the words "Disabled**
 6 **Veteran". The tab may be attached only to the service or conflict**
 7 **registration plate issued to the disabled veteran under this**
 8 **subdivision.**

9 (2) An application for a special registration plate described
 10 in subsection ~~(1)~~ **(1) (a) or (b)** must be on a form prescribed by the
 11 secretary of state, must not require a service fee under section
 12 804, and must be accompanied by proof that the applicant was
 13 honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces and 1 of
 14 the following:

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

19 (b) If the applicant is a totally disabled veteran, that the
 20 applicant has been determined to have a service-connected total or
 21 permanent total disability rating and is receiving disability
 22 retirement pay from a branch of the United States Armed Forces.

23 (c) If the applicant is a partially disabled veteran, that the
 24 applicant has been determined by the United States Department of
 25 Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected disability rating of
 26 not less than 50%.

27 (3) A special registration plate **described in subsection**
 28 **(1) (a) or (b) that is** issued to a totally disabled veteran
 29 described in subsection (2) (a) or (b) is exempt from the payment of

1 the tax provided for in section 801.

2 (4) A special registration plate **described in subsection**
3 **(1) (a) or (b) that is** issued to a totally disabled veteran
4 described in subsection (2) (a) or (b) expires on the birthday of
5 the totally disabled veteran in a year in which new plates are
6 issued by the secretary of state. Application for renewal of the
7 special registration plate must not require a service fee under
8 section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof
9 provided in subsection (2) for renewal.

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

17 (6) The surviving spouse of an individual who is a disabled
18 veteran with a service-connected disability rating from the United
19 States Department of Veterans Affairs of not less than 50% and an
20 honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces may use a
21 special registration plate **or service or conflict plate** issued
22 under this section after the death of the disabled veteran. The
23 surviving spouse may renew a special registration plate **or service**
24 **or conflict plate** issued under this section after the death of the
25 disabled veteran in the same manner as provided under this section
26 for a disabled veteran with the same service-connected disability
27 rating as the deceased disabled veteran. If applicable, a surviving
28 spouse must apply for registration of the vehicle on which the
29 surviving spouse wishes to place the disabled veteran plate **or**

1 **service or conflict plate** before using or renewing the plate as
2 described in this section.

3 (7) If applicable, the secretary of state may issue to a
4 disabled veteran who has been issued a special registration plate
5 **or a service or conflict registration plate** under this section a
6 tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with
7 disabilities must be an adhesive tab that displays the
8 international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that
9 symbol. The tab for persons with disabilities may be attached only
10 to the special registration plate **or the service or conflict**
11 **registration plate** issued to the disabled veteran under this
12 section.

13 (8) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
14 must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
15 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant
16 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent
17 windshield placard under section 675. If the surviving spouse of a
18 disabled veteran is a disabled person, the surviving spouse may
19 apply to the secretary of state for a tab for persons with
20 disabilities in the same manner as provided for a disabled veteran
21 under this subsection.

22 (9) A tab for persons with disabilities issued under
23 subsection (7) must be issued free of charge.

24 (10) If a disabled veteran who has been issued a tab for
25 persons with disabilities renews the disabled veteran's special
26 registration plate **or service or conflict registration plate** under
27 this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab for
28 persons with disabilities to the disabled veteran, free of charge.
29 The disabled veteran is not required to again furnish the proof

1 required under subsection (8).

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

8 (12) As used in this section, "private passenger motor
9 vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is personally owned by a
10 disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of
11 transporting the disabled veteran and family members of the
12 disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

13 (13) As used in this section, "service or conflict
14 registration plate" means a registration plate that is 1 of the
15 following:

16 (a) A registration plate issued under section 803e, 803i,
17 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, 803o, 803t, or 803u.

18 (b) Any other registration plate issued under this act that
19 requires the applicant to be a current or former member of the
20 United States Armed Forces Reserve or any branch of the United
21 States Armed Forces.