

SENATE BILL No. 818

September 29, 2007, Introduced by Senators PAPPAGEORGE, KAHN, KUIPERS, OLSHOVE, ALLEN, GARCIA, BIRKHOLZ, PATTERSON and JANSEN and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

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 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 ~~which~~**THAT** shall be inscribed with
 6 special identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and
 7 shall have the words "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the
 8 registration number. For the purposes of this section, "private
 9 passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle ~~which~~**THAT** is
 10 personally owned by the disabled veteran and is used for the

1 primary purpose of transporting the disabled veteran and family
2 members of the disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

3 (2) Application for the special registration plate shall be on
4 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be
5 accompanied by ~~a service fee of \$5.00~~ and proof that the applicant
6 was honorably discharged from the armed services and either 1 of
7 the following:

8 (a) That the applicant has been determined by the veterans'
9 administration of the federal government to have a service-
10 connected total or permanent total disability rating for
11 compensation.

12 (b) That the applicant has been determined to have a service-
13 connected total or permanent total disability rating and is
14 receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed
15 armed services **OR IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE SERVICE-CONNECTED**
16 **BENEFITS.**

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

19 (4) The special registration plate shall expire on the
20 birthday of the disabled veteran in a year in which new plates are
21 issued by the secretary of state. ~~Application for renewal of the~~
22 ~~special registration plate shall be accompanied by a \$5.00 service~~
23 ~~fee.~~ The applicant shall not be required to furnish the proof
24 provided in subsection (2).

25 (5) The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person who
26 has been issued a special registration plate under this section a
27 tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with

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

6 (6) An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
7 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
8 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant
9 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent
10 windshield placard under section 675.

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

13 (8) When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for
14 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration
15 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new
16 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of
17 charge. The disabled person shall not be required to again furnish
18 the proof required under subsection (6).

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