

# HOUSE BILL No. 6442

September 15, 2010, Introduced by Reps. Lahti, McDowell, Constan, Lindberg, Nerat and Mayes and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 803i (MCL 257.803i), as amended by 1998 PA 68.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 803i. (1) A person who was or is a member of the national  
2 guard may apply to the secretary of state for a special  
3 registration plate, ~~which~~**THAT** shall display an appropriate  
4 vignette preceding the registration numbers and shall have the  
5 words "national guard" inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

6           (2) A person who was or is a member of the military reserve  
7 may apply to the secretary of state for a special registration  
8 plate, ~~which~~**THAT** shall display an appropriate vignette preceding  
9 the registration numbers.

1 (3) A person who was a member of any branch of the armed  
2 services of the United States, who has retired or been granted an  
3 honorable discharge from that branch of the armed forces, and who  
4 is not otherwise eligible for a special registration plate under  
5 this act may apply to the secretary of state for a special  
6 registration plate ~~which~~**THAT** shall display an appropriate vignette  
7 preceding the registration numbers. **THE APPROPRIATE VIGNETTE SHALL**  
8 **INCLUDE THE SPECIFIC INSIGNIA OF THE BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES**  
9 **BEING DISPLAYED ON THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.**

10 (4) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a  
11 form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be accompanied  
12 by any proof of the applicant being or having been a member of the  
13 national guard or military reserve or a member of any branch of the  
14 armed services of the United States as described in subsection (3)  
15 that the secretary of state may require. The application for a  
16 special registration plate shall also be accompanied with payment  
17 of a \$5.00 service fee.

18 (5) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service  
19 fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special  
20 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger  
21 vehicle **OR, FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (3), FOR USE ON A**  
22 **MOTORCYCLE.** A person who is disabled who applies for a special  
23 registration plate under this section and who pays the \$5.00  
24 service fee shall be issued a tab for persons with disabilities as  
25 provided in section 803f for his or her special registration plate.  
26 The secretary of state shall require the same proof that the  
27 applicant is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a

1 permanent windshield placard under section 675. A person issued 1  
2 or more special registration plates under subsection (1), (2), or  
3 (3) shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

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

7 (7) The special registration plate issued under this section  
8 shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates  
9 are issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of  
10 the special registration plate shall be accompanied by a \$5.00  
11 service fee. The applicant shall not be required to furnish the  
12 proof provided in subsection (4).