

Legislative Analysis



ARMED FORCES PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES

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Senate Bill 214 without amendment
Sponsor: Sen. Judy K. Emmons

(Enacted as Public Act 73 of 2011)

1st House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
2nd House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security

Complete to 6-15-11

A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 214 AS REPORTED FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to make military specialty license plates available for motorcycles.

Currently under the code, a person who was a member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Services and who has retired or been granted an honorable discharge from that branch is allowed to apply to the Secretary of State for a special registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding the registration numbers. Upon proper application and payment of the \$5 service fee, the Secretary of State must issue one or more special registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle.

Under Senate Bill 214, the Secretary of State also would have to issue one or more such plates for use on a motorcycle.

Senate Bill 214 is similar to House Bill 4359. (House Bill 4359, as passed by the House, also applies to current and former National Guard members.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 214 would have no fiscal impact on state or local government. The \$5 service fee would offset the cost of offering the special registration plate.

POSITIONS:

Secretary of State supports the bill. (5-31-11)

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