

HOUSE BILL No. 5840

September 8, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Potvin, Barrett, Kelly, Callton, Canfield and McBroom 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 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 shall be~~ inscribed with special
6 identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and ~~shall have~~
7 the words "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the registration
8 number. For the purposes of this section, "private passenger motor

1 vehicle" means a motor vehicle ~~which~~ **THAT** is personally owned by
2 the disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of
3 transporting the disabled veteran and family members of the
4 disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

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

10 (a) That the applicant has been determined by the ~~veterans'~~
11 ~~administration of the federal government~~ **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT**
12 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** to have a service-connected total or permanent
13 total disability rating for compensation.

14 (b) That the applicant has been determined to have a service-
15 connected total or permanent total disability rating and is
16 receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed
17 armed services.

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

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

26 (5) **THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO IS A TOTALLY DISABLED**
27 **VETERAN WITH AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED SERVICES MAY USE**

1 A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER THE
2 DEATH OF THE TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND MAY RENEW A SPECIAL
3 REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER THE DEATH OF THE
4 TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS
5 SECTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN.

6 (6) ~~(5)~~—The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person
7 who has been issued a special registration plate under this section
8 a tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with
9 disabilities shall be an adhesive tab displaying the international
10 wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab
11 for persons with disabilities may be attached only to the special
12 registration plate issued to the disabled person under this
13 section.

14 (7) ~~(6)~~—An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
15 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
16 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant
17 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent
18 windshield placard under section 675. **IF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A**
19 **TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN IS A DISABLED PERSON, HE OR SHE MAY APPLY**
20 **TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A TAB FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**
21 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN UNDER**
22 **THIS SUBSECTION.**

23 (8) ~~(7)~~—The tab for persons with disabilities shall be issued
24 free of charge.

25 (9) ~~(8)~~—When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for
26 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration
27 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new

1 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of
2 charge. The disabled person shall not be required to again furnish
3 the proof required under subsection ~~(6)~~ **(7)**.

4 **(10)** ~~(9)~~—The use of the special registration plate or a tab
5 for persons with disabilities on a motor vehicle other than the
6 motor vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued,
7 or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a
8 misdemeanor.