

# Legislative Analysis



## EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABLED VETERANS PLATE TO CERTAIN PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERANS

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**House Bill 5127 as introduced**

**Sponsor: Rep. Mike McFall**

**Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5127 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow honorably discharged partially disabled veterans to obtain a disabled veterans special registration plate.

Section 803f of the code currently provides for a special registration plate for totally disabled veterans. The plate is inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by "DV," with the words "disabled veteran" inscribed below. The surviving spouse of a deceased totally disabled veteran can use and renew the plate. An individual who has been issued such a plate can also be issued, free of charge, an adhesive tab for persons with disabilities. The surviving spouse of a totally disabled veteran can be issued such a tab if they are a disabled person.

The bill would extend the above provisions to apply to honorably discharged partially disabled veterans who have been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected disability rating of at least 50%. An application for the plate would not be subject to a service fee under section 804 of the code and would have to be accompanied by proof of the veteran's honorable discharge and partial disability as described above. However, while plates issued to totally disabled veterans are exempt from the vehicle registration tax under section 801 of the code, this exemption would not apply to partially disabled veterans.

A special registration plate issued to a partially disabled veteran would expire on the veteran's birthday and would be renewed under section 226 of the code. The applicant would not have to again furnish proof of disability for the renewal. Renewals would appear to not be exempt from being subject to a service fee under section 804.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact to the state or to local units of government. The inclusion of partially disabled veterans for eligibility for the Disabled Veteran license plate would not include exemption of the vehicle registration tax currently provided for totally disabled veterans, and therefore would not result in a corresponding decrease of revenue to the Michigan Transportation Fund.

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