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Introduced by Reps. Gnodtke, Hertel, Martin and DeMars

Reps. Allen, Alley, Barns, Bartnik, Bender, Bennane, Berman, Brotherton, Brown, Browne, Willis Bullard, Connors, Dobronski, Docherty, Dunaskiss, Dutko, Emmons, Farhat, Gagliardi, Giese, Gilmer, Gire, Hart, Hoekman, Hoffman, Hollister, Hunter, Jacobetti, Jonker, Kilpatrick, Knight, Krause, Leland, Middaugh, Munsell, Murphy, Muxlow, Ostling, Ouwinga, Oxender, Porreca, Randall, Rocca, Scott, Sikkema, Sitz, Spaniola, Stacey, Stallworth, Trim, Varga, Wartner, Webb, Weeks, Joe Young, Jr., Joe Young, Sr. and Richard A. Young were named co-sponsors

## **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5074**

AN ACT to amend section 803e of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act," as amended by Act No. 260 of the Public Acts of 1986, being section 257.803e of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Section 803e of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended by Act No. 260 of the Public Acts of 1986, being section 257.803e of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 803e. (1) A person who has been a prisoner of war may make application to the secretary of state, for a special registration plate, which shall be inscribed with special identification numbers preceded by the letters "ex-pow" and shall have the words "ex-prisoner of war" inscribed beneath the registration number.

(2) A person who was a member of the armed services during 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establishment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may make application to the secretary of state for a special registration plate, which shall be inscribed with special identification numbers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" inscribed beneath the registration number.

(3) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal may make application to the secretary of state for a special registration plate which shall be inscribed with special identification numbers and shall have the words "combat wounded veteran" inscribed beneath the registration number. In addition, the special registration plate described under this subsection shall be inscribed with a vignette of the official purple heart medal.

(4) Application for a special registration plate shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner of war, Pearl Harbor survivor, or recipient of the purple heart medal which the secretary of state may require. The application for a special registration plate shall also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

(5) Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00 service fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. A person who is handicapped who makes application for a special registration plate under this section and who makes payment of the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued his or her special registration plate inscribed with the official international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. A person shall be entitled to 1 special registration plate issued under subsection (1) which shall be exempt from payment of the tax provided in section 801. A person applying for a special registration plate under subsection (2) or (3) shall pay the tax as provided in section 801. Additional special registration plates issued under this section shall be assessed the applicable tax provided in section 801.

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

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

Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect November 11, 1988.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

Approved .....

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Governor.