

HOUSE BILL No. 5939

September 29, 1988, Introduced by Reps. DeMars, Bartnik, Varga, Scott, Jacobetti, Harrison, Alley, Martin, Dodak, Docherty, Stallworth, Sitz, Hertel, Bennane, Allen, Trim, Wartner, Pridnia, Palamara, Dobronski, Browne, Farhat, Porreca, Willis Bullard, Nye, Johnson, Gagliardi, Murphy, Brown, Connors, Sofio, Barns, Hunter, Hood, Leland, Gubow, Joe Young, Jr., Jonker and Hickner and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

A bill to amend section 803e of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended
"Michigan vehicle code,"
as amended by Act No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 257.803e of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 803e of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts
2 of 1949, as amended by Act No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1988,
3 being section 257.803e of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 803e. (1) A person who has been a prisoner of war may
6 make application to the secretary of state for a special regis-
7 tration plate which shall be inscribed with special
8 identification numbers preceded by the letters "EX-POW" and shall

1 have the words "ex-prisoner of war" inscribed beneath the
2 registration number.

3 (2) A person who was a member of the armed services during
4 World War I may make application to the secretary of state for a
5 special registration plate, which shall be inscribed with special
6 identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI" and shall
7 have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath the regis-
8 tration number.

9 (3) A person who was a member of the armed services during
10 1941, stationed at a United States military or naval establish-
11 ment at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands, and who survived
12 the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 may make
13 application to the secretary of state for a special registration
14 plate, which shall be inscribed with special identification num-
15 bers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor" inscribed
16 beneath the registration number.

17 (4) A person who is a recipient of the purple heart medal
18 may make application to the secretary of state for a special reg-
19 istration plate which shall be inscribed with special identifica-
20 tion numbers and shall have the words "combat wounded veteran"
21 inscribed beneath the registration number. In addition, the spe-
22 cial registration plate described under this subsection shall be
23 inscribed with a vignette of the official purple heart medal.

24 (5) A PERSON WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES DURING
25 WORLD WAR II MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A
26 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, WHICH SHALL BE INSCRIBED WITH SPECIAL
27 IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS PRECEDED BY THE LETTERS "WWII" AND SHALL

1 HAVE THE WORDS "WORLD WAR II VETERAN" INSCRIBED BENEATH THE
2 REGISTRATION NUMBER.

3 (6) ~~(5)~~ Application for a special registration plate shall
4 be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be
5 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner
6 of war, World War I veteran, Pearl harbor survivor, or recipient
7 of the purple heart medal which the secretary of state may
8 require. The application for a special registration plate shall
9 also be accompanied with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

10 (7) ~~(6)~~ Upon proper application and payment of the \$5.00
11 service fee, the secretary of state shall issue 1 or more special
12 registration plates for each applicant for use on a passenger
13 vehicle. A person who is handicapped who makes application for a
14 special registration plate under this section and who makes pay-
15 ment of the \$5.00 service fee shall be issued a handicapper tab
16 as provided in section 803f for his or her special registration
17 plate. The secretary of state shall require the same proof that
18 the applicant is a handicapper as is required for issuance of a
19 permanent certificate of identification under section 675. A
20 person shall be entitled to 1 special registration plate issued
21 under subsection (1) which shall be exempt from payment of the
22 tax provided in section 801. A person who is issued an addi-
23 tional special registration plate under subsection (1) shall be
24 assessed the applicable tax provided for in section 801. A
25 person issued 1 or more special registration plates under
26 subsection (2), (3), ~~or~~ (4), OR (5) shall be assessed the
27 applicable tax provided in section 801.

1 (8) ~~-(7)-~~ The use of a special registration plate on a
2 vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is issued, or
3 by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a
4 misdemeanor.

5 (9) ~~-(8)-~~ The special registration plate issued under this
6 section shall expire on the birthday of the vehicle owner in a
7 year in which new plates are issued by the secretary of state.
8 Application for renewal of the special registration plate shall
9 be accompanied by a \$5.00 service fee. The applicant shall not
10 be required to furnish the proof provided in subsection
11 ~~-(5)-~~ (6).