

# SENATE BILL No. 531

October 8, 1991, Introduced by Senators PRIDNIA,  
DI NELLO and O'BRIEN and referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

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 sec-  
tion 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 OR  
6 THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR may ~~make~~  
7 ~~application~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a special  
8 registration plate which shall be inscribed with special  
9 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~~ APPLY to the secretary of  
5 state for a special registration plate, which shall be inscribed  
6 with special identification numbers preceded by the letters "WWI"  
7 and shall have the words "World War I veteran" inscribed beneath  
8 the registration 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~~ APPLY to the secretary of state for a special regis-  
14 tration plate, which shall be inscribed with special identifica-  
15 tion numbers and shall have the words "Pearl Harbor survivor"  
16 inscribed beneath the registration number.

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

25       (5) Application for a special registration plate shall be on  
26 a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall be  
27 accompanied by any proof of the applicant having been a prisoner

1 of war OR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR, World War  
2 I veteran, Pearl harbor survivor, or recipient of the purple  
3 heart medal which the secretary of state may require. The appli-  
4 cation for a special registration plate shall also be accompanied  
5 with payment of a \$5.00 service fee.

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

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

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