

DISABLED VETERANS REGISTRATION PLATE

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House Bill 4319 as reported from committee w/o amendment
Sponsor: Rep. Curtis S. VanderWall
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
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SUMMARY:

Under the Michigan Vehicle Code, a person who is a totally disabled veteran with an honorable discharge may make an application to the Secretary of State for a special registration plate inscribed with the letters “DV” and have “disabled veteran” inscribed beneath the registration number.

House Bill 4319 would amend the code to say that the surviving spouse of a person who was a totally disabled veteran with an honorable discharge could use a special registration plate after the veteran's death and could renew the plate in the same manner as provided for a totally disabled veteran. A surviving spouse would need to apply for registration of the vehicle before using or renewing the plate.

A surviving spouse who is disabled could apply for a tab for persons with disabilities in the same manner as a totally disabled veteran.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill could have a slight negative fiscal impact on the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). Vehicles registered with a Disabled Veteran license plate are exempted from the applicable vehicle registration fee. Assuming a disabled veteran's spouse opts for the Disabled Veteran registration plate, the bill would extend the period of time vehicles could be registered with no fee, thereby reducing the amount of revenue that would have otherwise been deposited in the MTF. The MTF funds various agencies and local governments to help support road maintenance and various other goals.

POSITIONS:

The Office of the Secretary of State indicated a neutral position on the bill. (5-30-17)

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