

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4319

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 803f (MCL 257.803f), as amended by 1998 PA 68.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 803f. (1) A person who is a totally disabled veteran with  
2 an honorable discharge from the armed services may make an  
3 application to the secretary of state if he or she owns a private  
4 passenger motor vehicle, and the secretary of state may issue a  
5 special registration plate ~~which shall be~~ inscribed with special  
6 identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV" and ~~shall have~~  
7 the words "disabled veteran" inscribed beneath the registration  
8 number. For the purposes of this section, "private passenger motor  
9 vehicle" means a motor vehicle ~~which~~ **THAT** is personally owned by  
10 the disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of

1 transporting the disabled veteran and family members of the  
2 disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

3 (2) Application for the special registration plate ~~shall~~**MUST**  
4 be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state ~~and shall~~**MUST**  
5 be accompanied by a service fee of \$5.00 and proof that the  
6 applicant was honorably discharged from the armed services and  
7 either 1 of the following:

8 (a) That the applicant has been determined by the ~~veterans'~~  
9 ~~administration of the federal government~~**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT**  
10 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** to have a service-connected total or permanent  
11 total disability rating for compensation.

12 (b) That the applicant has been determined to have a service-  
13 connected total or permanent total disability rating and is  
14 receiving disability retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed  
15 armed services.

16 (3) A special registration issued under this section is exempt  
17 from payment of the tax provided in section 801.

18 (4) The special registration plate ~~shall expire~~**EXPIRES** on the  
19 birthday of the disabled veteran in a year in which new plates are  
20 issued by the secretary of state. Application for renewal of the  
21 special registration plate ~~shall~~**MUST** be accompanied by a \$5.00  
22 service fee. The applicant shall not be required to furnish the  
23 proof provided in subsection (2).

24 **(5) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO IS A TOTALLY DISABLED**  
25 **VETERAN WITH AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED SERVICES MAY USE**  
26 **A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER THE**  
27 **DEATH OF THE TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND MAY RENEW A SPECIAL**

1 REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER THE DEATH OF THE  
2 TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS  
3 SECTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN. IF APPLICABLE, A SURVIVING  
4 SPOUSE SHALL APPLY FOR REGISTRATION OF THE VEHICLE UPON WHICH HE OR  
5 SHE WISHES TO PLACE THE DISABLED VETERAN PLATE BEFORE USING OR  
6 RENEWING THE PLATE AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

7 (6) ~~(5)~~—The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person  
8 who has been issued a special registration plate under this section  
9 a tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with  
10 disabilities ~~shall~~**MUST** be an adhesive tab displaying the  
11 international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that  
12 symbol. The tab for persons with disabilities may be attached only  
13 to the special registration plate issued to the disabled person  
14 under this section.

15 (7) ~~(6)~~—An application for a tab for persons with disabilities  
16 shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The  
17 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant  
18 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent  
19 windshield placard under section 675. **IF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A**  
20 **TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN IS A DISABLED PERSON, HE OR SHE MAY APPLY**  
21 **TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A TAB FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
22 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN UNDER**  
23 **THIS SUBSECTION.**

24 (8) ~~(7)~~—The tab for persons with disabilities ~~shall~~**MUST** be  
25 issued free of charge.

26 (9) ~~(8)~~—When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for  
27 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration

1 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new  
2 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of  
3 charge. The disabled person shall not be required to again furnish  
4 the proof required under subsection ~~(6)~~-(7).

5       **(10)** ~~(9)~~—The use of the special registration plate or a tab  
6 for persons with disabilities on a motor vehicle other than the  
7 motor vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued,  
8 or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a  
9 misdemeanor.

10       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 180 days  
11 after the date it is enacted into law.