

**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. A SURVIVING SPOUSE WHO**

1 WISHES TO USE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS  
2 SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT HE OR SHE WISHES  
3 TO USE THE PLATE NO LATER THAN 15 DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF THE  
4 TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN OR, IF APPLICABLE, WITHIN THE 15-DAY  
5 PERIOD DESCRIBED IN SECTION 234. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN  
6 THIS SUBSECTION, FOR THE FIRST YEAR AFTER NOTIFYING THE SECRETARY  
7 OF STATE OF HIS OR HER INTENT TO USE THE PLATE, THE SURVIVING  
8 SPOUSE MAY RENEW THE PLATE WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY THE APPLICABLE  
9 REGISTRATION TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION 801. BEGINNING WITH THE SECOND  
10 YEAR AFTER A SURVIVING SPOUSE NOTIFIES THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF  
11 HIS OR HER INTENT TO USE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER  
12 THIS SECTION, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE SHALL PAY THE APPLICABLE  
13 REGISTRATION TAX PROVIDED IN SECTION 801 AND IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL  
14 RENEWAL OF HIS OR HER REGISTRATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 226. IF  
15 APPLICABLE, A SURVIVING SPOUSE SHALL APPLY FOR REGISTRATION OF THE  
16 VEHICLE UPON WHICH HE OR SHE WISHES TO PLACE THE DISABLED VETERAN  
17 PLATE BEFORE USING OR RENEWING THE PLATE AS DESCRIBED IN THIS  
18 SECTION. IF A SURVIVING SPOUSE HAS PAID THE APPLICABLE REGISTRATION  
19 TAX FOR HIS OR HER VEHICLE FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH HE OR SHE NOTIFIES  
20 THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF HIS OR HER INTENT TO USE A SPECIAL  
21 REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE 1-YEAR PERIOD  
22 DURING WHICH THE SURVIVING SPOUSE MAY RENEW THE PLATE WITHOUT  
23 PAYMENT OF THE APPLICABLE REGISTRATION TAX BEGINS ON THE DATE HIS  
24 OR HER CURRENT REGISTRATION EXPIRES.

25 (6) ~~(5)~~—The secretary of state may issue to a disabled person  
26 who has been issued a special registration plate under this section  
27 a tab for persons with disabilities. The tab for persons with

1 disabilities ~~shall~~**MUST** be an adhesive tab displaying the  
2 international wheelchair symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that  
3 symbol. The tab for persons with disabilities may be attached only  
4 to the special registration plate issued to the disabled person  
5 under this section.

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

15 (8) ~~(7)~~—The tab for persons with disabilities ~~shall~~**MUST** be  
16 issued free of charge.

17 (9) ~~(8)~~—When a disabled person who has been issued a tab for  
18 persons with disabilities renews his or her special registration  
19 plate under this section, the secretary of state shall issue a new  
20 tab for persons with disabilities to the disabled person, free of  
21 charge. The disabled person shall not be required to again furnish  
22 the proof required under subsection ~~(6)~~**(7)**.

23 (10) ~~(9)~~—The use of the special registration plate or a tab  
24 for persons with disabilities on a motor vehicle other than the  
25 motor vehicle for which the special registration plate is issued,  
26 or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is a  
27 misdemeanor.

1           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect February  
2 19, 2019.