

HOUSE BILL NO. 5127

October 11, 2023, Introduced by Reps. McFall, Mentzer, Snyder, Liberati, Stone, Haadsma, Brabec, Weiss, Conlin, MacDonell, Martus, Grant, Wilson, Price, Rheingans, Harris, Hoadley, Bierlein, McKinney and Aiyash and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 803f (MCL 257.803f), as amended by 2022 PA 143.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803f. (1) ~~A person~~**An individual** who is a ~~totally~~
2 disabled veteran with an honorable discharge from the United States
3 Armed Forces may apply to the secretary of state if ~~he or she~~**the**
4 **disabled veteran** owns a private passenger motor vehicle, and the
5 secretary of state may issue a special registration plate inscribed

1 with special identification numbers preceded by the letters "DV"
2 and the words "disabled veteran" ~~inscribed~~ beneath the registration
3 number.

4 (2) ~~Application~~ **An application** for ~~the~~ **a** special registration
5 plate **described in subsection (1)** must be on a form prescribed by
6 the secretary of state, must not require a service fee under
7 section 804, and must be accompanied by proof that the applicant
8 was honorably discharged from the ~~armed services~~ **United States**
9 **Armed Forces** and ~~either~~ 1 of the following:

10 (a) ~~That~~ **If the applicant is a totally disabled veteran, that**
11 the applicant has been determined by the United States Department
12 of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected total or permanent
13 total disability rating for compensation.

14 (b) ~~That~~ **If the applicant is a totally disabled veteran, that**
15 the applicant has been determined to have a service-connected total
16 or permanent total disability rating and is receiving disability
17 retirement pay from a branch of the ~~uniformed armed services~~ **United**
18 **States Armed Forces.**

19 (c) **If the applicant is a partially disabled veteran, that the**
20 **applicant has been determined by the United States Department of**
21 **Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected disability rating of**
22 **not less than 50%.**

23 (3) A special registration **plate** issued ~~under this section to~~
24 **a totally disabled veteran described in subsection (2) (a) or (b)** is
25 exempt from **the** payment of the tax provided **for** in section 801.

26 (4) ~~The~~ **A** special registration plate **issued to a totally**
27 **disabled veteran described in subsection (2) (a) or (b)** expires on
28 the birthday of the **totally** disabled veteran in a year in which new
29 plates are issued by the secretary of state. Application for

1 renewal of the special registration plate must not require a
 2 service fee under section 804. The applicant is not required to
 3 furnish the proof provided in subsection (2) for renewal.

4 **(5) A special registration plate issued to a partially**
 5 **disabled veteran described in subsection (2) (c) expires as provided**
 6 **in section 226, and a partially disabled veteran shall apply for**
 7 **renewal of the special registration plate as provided in section**
 8 **226. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof provided in**
 9 **subsection (2) for renewal.**

10 **(6) ~~(5)~~The surviving spouse of a ~~person~~an individual who is**
 11 **a ~~totally~~disabled veteran with a service-connected disability**
 12 **rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs of not**
 13 **less than 50% and an honorable discharge from the United States**
 14 **Armed Forces may use a special registration plate issued under this**
 15 **section after the death of the ~~totally~~disabled veteran. ~~and~~The**
 16 **surviving spouse may renew a special registration plate issued**
 17 **under this section after the death of the ~~totally~~disabled veteran**
 18 **in the same manner as provided under this section for a ~~totally~~**
 19 **disabled veteran with the same service-connected disability rating**
 20 **as the deceased disabled veteran. If applicable, a surviving spouse**
 21 **~~shall~~must apply for registration of the vehicle ~~upon~~on which ~~he~~**
 22 **~~or she~~the surviving spouse wishes to place the disabled veteran**
 23 **plate before using or renewing the plate as described in this**
 24 **section.**

25 **(7) ~~(6)~~The** **If applicable, the** secretary of state may issue to
 26 a disabled ~~person~~**veteran** who has been issued a special
 27 registration plate under this section a tab for persons with
 28 disabilities. The tab for persons with disabilities must be an
 29 adhesive tab ~~displaying~~**that displays** the international wheelchair

1 symbol or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol. The tab for
 2 persons with disabilities may be attached only to the special
 3 registration plate issued to the disabled ~~person~~**veteran** under this
 4 section.

5 (8) ~~(7)~~An application for a tab for persons with disabilities
 6 must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The
 7 secretary of state shall require the same proof that the applicant
 8 is a disabled person as is required for issuance of a permanent
 9 windshield placard under section 675. If the surviving spouse of a
 10 ~~totally~~disabled veteran is a disabled person, ~~he or she~~**the**
 11 **surviving spouse** may apply to the secretary of state for a tab for
 12 persons with disabilities in the same manner as provided for a
 13 ~~totally~~disabled veteran under this subsection.

14 (9) ~~(8)~~The **A** tab for persons with disabilities **issued under**
 15 **subsection (7)** must be issued free of charge.

16 (10) ~~(9)~~When **If** a disabled ~~person~~**veteran** who has been issued
 17 a tab for persons with disabilities renews ~~his or her~~**the disabled**
 18 **veteran's** special registration plate under this section, the
 19 secretary of state shall issue a new tab for persons with
 20 disabilities to the disabled ~~person~~**veteran**, free of charge. The
 21 disabled ~~person shall~~**veteran is** not ~~be~~required to again furnish
 22 the proof required under subsection ~~(7)~~**(8)**.

23 (11) ~~(10)~~The use of ~~the~~**a** special registration plate or a tab
 24 for persons with disabilities issued under this section on a motor
 25 vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which the special
 26 registration plate is issued, or by a person who does not qualify
 27 under this section, is a misdemeanor.

28 (12) ~~(11)~~As used in this section, "private passenger motor
 29 vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is personally owned by ~~the~~**a**

1 disabled veteran and is used for the primary purpose of
2 transporting the disabled veteran and family members of the
3 disabled veteran, but does not include a motor home.

4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
5 after the date it is enacted into law.