

HOUSE BILL NO. 4723

June 08, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Morgan, Glanville, Shannon, Farhat and Conlin and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
(MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 803s.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 803s. (1) An individual who was or is a member, or an
2 individual whose spouse was or is a member, of the United States
3 Merchant Marine may apply to the secretary of state for a special
4 registration plate that displays an appropriate vignette preceding
5 the registration numbers and has the words "Merchant Marine"
6 inscribed beneath the registration numbers.

1 (2) The application for a special registration plate must be
2 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and accompanied by
3 any proof of the applicant or applicant's spouse being or having
4 been a member of the United States Merchant Marine that the
5 secretary of state may require. The application for a special
6 registration plate must not require a service fee under section
7 804.

8 (3) Upon proper application, the secretary of state shall
9 issue 1 or more special registration plates under this section for
10 each applicant for use on a passenger vehicle. An individual who is
11 a disabled person and applies for a special registration plate
12 under this section must be issued a tab for persons with
13 disabilities as provided in section 803h for the applicant's
14 special registration plate. The secretary of state shall require
15 the same proof that the applicant is a disabled person as is
16 required for issuance of a permanent windshield placard under
17 section 675. An individual issued 1 or more special registration
18 plates under subsection (1) must be assessed the applicable tax
19 provided in section 801.

20 (4) The use of a special registration plate issued under this
21 section on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate is
22 issued, or by a person who does not qualify under this section, is
23 a misdemeanor.

24 (5) The special registration plate issued under this section
25 expires on the birthday of the vehicle owner. When new plates are
26 issued by the secretary of state, application for renewal of the
27 special registration plate must not require a service fee under
28 section 804. The applicant is not required to furnish the proof
29 provided in subsection (2).

1 (6) As used in this section, "member of the United States
2 Merchant Marine" means an individual who holds a past or present
3 Merchant Mariner license or credential issued by the United States
4 Coast Guard.