

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding  
5 Section 3-699.15 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.15 new)

7 Sec. 3-699.15. Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm  
8 license plates.

9 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in  
10 the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special  
11 registration plates designated as Operation Desert  
12 Shield/Desert Storm license plates to any Illinois resident who  
13 has earned the Southwest Asia Service Medal from the United  
14 States Armed Forces. The special plates issued under this  
15 Section may be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first  
16 division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division  
17 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this  
18 Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year  
19 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

20 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
21 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. Appropriate  
22 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the  
23 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application.

1 The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates  
2 to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance  
3 with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required  
4 to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
5 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall, in his or  
6 her discretion, approve and prescribe stickers or decals as  
7 provided under Section 3-412.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.