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by Rep. Chris Miller

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-407.5 new	
625 ILCS 5/3-506	
625 ILCS 5/3-699.17 new	
625 ILCS 5/3-802	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802
625 ILCS 5/3-806.3	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides for the issuance of a 90-day permit to operate a motor vehicle that was donated to a not-for-profit organization for the purpose of donating the motor vehicle to a low-income individual. Provides that no more than 2 permits may be issued for any one vehicle. Provides that a vehicle may be operated with the temporary permit only for specific purposes. Provides that an applicant shall provide proof of the not-for-profit status organization and proof of liability insurance covering the vehicle. Provides that the not-for-profit shall assume all liability for the operation of the vehicle upon accepting the donation. Provides that the vehicle shall meet registration requirements to qualify for a temporary permit. Provides that a copy of the permit shall be kept inside the vehicle at all times. Provides for the issuance of Global War on Terrorism license plates to residents who have earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Provides that the surviving spouse of a military service member who has been issued a Global War on Terrorism license plate may retain the plate so long as the spouse is a resident of Illinois and transfers the registration to his or her name within 180 days of the death of the service member. Provides that an individual may reclass his or her registration or plate upon acquiring a Global War on Terrorism license plate without a replacement plate fee or registration sticker cost. Provides that a vehicle owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act or who is the spouse of such a person shall pay a \$24 registration fee for vehicles displaying a Global War on Terrorism license plate. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing
5 Sections 3-506, 3-802, and 3-806.3 and by adding Sections
6 3-407.5 and 3-699.17 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-407.5 new)

8 Sec. 3-407.5. Temporary permit for charitable
9 not-for-profit organization.

10 (a) Any charitable not-for-profit organization that is
11 exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of
12 the Internal Revenue Code and engaged in the maintenance and
13 repair of motor vehicles may make application to the Secretary
14 for a temporary permit to operate a motor vehicle that was
15 donated to the not-for-profit organization for the purpose of
16 donating the motor vehicle to a low-income individual.

17 (b) A permit issued under this Section shall be valid for a
18 period of 90 days. No more than 2 permits may be issued under
19 this Section for any one vehicle. A vehicle may be operated
20 with the temporary permit only for purposes of delivering the
21 vehicle to a not-for-profit organization, moving the vehicle
22 for maintenance or repairs, or delivering the vehicle to a
23 low-income individual.

1 (c) An applicant for the temporary permit shall provide the
2 Secretary proof of the not-for-profit status of the
3 organization, along with a document signed by the donor and the
4 not-for-profit organization expressly stating that the vehicle
5 is being donated to the not-for-profit organization by the
6 donor, and the not-for-profit organization assumes all
7 liability for the operation of the vehicle upon accepting the
8 donation. This form must identify the vehicle by make, model,
9 year, and vehicle identification number. An applicant for the
10 temporary permit shall also provide the Secretary with proof of
11 liability insurance covering the vehicle in at least the
12 minimum amounts set forth in Article VI of Chapter 7. The
13 donated motor vehicle shall meet the requirements for
14 registration under Chapter 3 of this Code to qualify for a
15 temporary permit under this Section. A copy of the permit shall
16 be kept inside the motor vehicle at all times.

17 (d) The Secretary may adopt any rules necessary to
18 implement this Section.

19 (625 ILCS 5/3-506)

20 Sec. 3-506. Transfer of plates to spouses of military
21 service members. Upon the death of a military service member
22 who has been issued a special plate under Section 3-609.1,
23 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638,
24 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669,
25 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698,

1 ~~or~~ 3-699.12, or 3-699.17 of this Code, the surviving spouse of
2 that service member may retain the plate so long as that spouse
3 is a resident of Illinois and transfers the registration to his
4 or her name within 180 days of the death of the service member.

5 For the purposes of this Section, "service member" means
6 any individual who is serving or has served in any branch of
7 the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard or
8 other reserve components of the Armed Forces, and has been
9 issued a special plate listed in this Section.

10 (Source: P.A. 99-805, eff. 1-1-17; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.17 new)

12 Sec. 3-699.17. Global War on Terrorism license plates.

13 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
14 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications
15 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue Global
16 War on Terrorism license plates to residents of this State who
17 have earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
18 from the United States Armed Forces. The special Global War on
19 Terrorism plates issued under this Section shall be affixed
20 only to passenger vehicles of the first division, including
21 motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division weighing
22 not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section
23 shall expire according to the multi-year procedure under
24 Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

25 (b) The design, color, and format of the Global War on

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

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-802) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802)

11 Sec. 3-802. Reclassifications and upgrades.

12 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the
13 following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them as
14 follows:

15 "Reclassification" means changing the registration of
16 a vehicle from one plate category to another.

17 "Upgrade" means increasing the registered weight of a
18 vehicle within the same plate category.

19 (b) When reclassing the registration of a vehicle from one
20 plate category to another, the owner shall receive credit for
21 the unused portion of the present plate and be charged the
22 current portion fees for the new plate. In addition, the
23 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
24 shall be assessed.

25 (b-5) Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any

1 individual who has a registration issued under either Section
2 3-405 or 3-405.1 that qualifies for a special license plate
3 under Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623,
4 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650,
5 3-651, 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680,
6 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, ~~or~~ 3-699.12, or
7 3-699.17 may reclass his or her registration upon acquiring a
8 special license plate listed in this subsection (b-5) without a
9 replacement plate fee or registration sticker cost.

10 (b-10) Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any
11 individual who has a special license plate issued under Section
12 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625,
13 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, 3-664,
14 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681, 3-683,
15 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, ~~or~~ 3-699.12, or 3-699.17 may
16 reclass his or her special license plate upon acquiring a new
17 registration under Section 3-405 or 3-405.1 without a
18 replacement plate fee or registration sticker cost.

19 (c) When upgrading the weight of a registration within the
20 same plate category, the owner shall pay the difference in
21 current period fees between the two plates. In addition, the
22 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
23 shall be assessed. In the event new plates are not required,
24 the corrected registration card fee shall be assessed.

25 (d) In the event the owner of the vehicle desires to change
26 the registered weight and change the plate category, the owner

1 shall receive credit for the unused portion of the registration
2 fee of the current plate and pay the current portion of the
3 registration fee for the new plate, and in addition, pay the
4 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees.

5 (e) Reclassing from one plate category to another plate
6 category can be done only once within any registration period.

7 (f) No refunds shall be made in any of the circumstances
8 found in subsection (b), subsection (c), or subsection (d);
9 however, when reclassing from a flat weight plate to an
10 apportioned plate, a refund may be issued if the credit amounts
11 to an overpayment.

12 (g) In the event the registration of a vehicle registered
13 under the mileage tax option is revoked, the owner shall be
14 required to pay the annual registration fee in the new plate
15 category and shall not receive any credit for the mileage plate
16 fees.

17 (h) Certain special interest plates may be displayed on
18 first division vehicles, second division vehicles weighing
19 8,000 pounds or less, and recreational vehicles. Those plates
20 can be transferred within those vehicle groups.

21 (i) Plates displayed on second division vehicles weighing
22 8,000 pounds or less and passenger vehicle plates may be
23 reclassified from one division to the other.

24 (j) Other than in subsection (i), reclassing from one
25 division to the other division is prohibited. In addition, a
26 reclass from a motor vehicle to a trailer or a trailer to a

1 motor vehicle is prohibited.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-809, eff. 1-1-17; 100-246, eff. 1-1-18;
3 100-450, eff. 1-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)

4 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3)

5 Sec. 3-806.3. Senior citizens. Commencing with the 2009
6 registration year, the registration fee paid by any vehicle
7 owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior
8 Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act
9 or who is the spouse of such a person shall be \$24 instead of
10 the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars
11 displaying standard multi-year registration plates issued
12 under Section 3-414.1, motor vehicles displaying special
13 registration plates issued under Section 3-609, 3-616, 3-621,
14 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645,
15 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, ~~or~~ 3-663, or 3-699.17, motor vehicles
16 registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), and
17 recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
18 Section 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of claimants shall also
19 be entitled to this reduced registration fee for the
20 registration year in which the claimant was eligible.

21 Commencing with the 2009 registration year, the
22 registration fee paid by any vehicle owner who has claimed and
23 received a grant under the Senior Citizens and Persons with
24 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act or who is the spouse of
25 such a person shall be \$24 instead of the fee otherwise

1 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard
2 multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1,
3 motor vehicles displaying special registration plates issued
4 under Section 3-607, 3-609, 3-616, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624,
5 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651,
6 3-663, ~~or~~ 3-664, or 3-699.17, motor vehicles registered at
7 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), and recreational
8 vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section
9 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of claimants shall also be
10 entitled to this reduced registration fee for the registration
11 year in which the claimant was eligible.

12 Commencing with the 2017 registration year, the reduced fee
13 under this Section shall apply to any special registration
14 plate authorized in Article VI of Chapter 3 of this Code for
15 which the applicant would otherwise be eligible.

16 Surcharges for vehicle registrations under Section 3-806
17 of this Code shall not be collected from any vehicle owner who
18 has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and
19 Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act or a person who is the
20 spouse of such a person.

21 No more than one reduced registration fee under this
22 Section shall be allowed during any 12-month period based on
23 the primary eligibility of any individual, whether such reduced
24 registration fee is allowed to the individual or to the spouse,
25 widow or widower of such individual. This Section does not
26 apply to the fee paid in addition to the registration fee for

1 motor vehicles displaying vanity, personalized, or special
2 license plates.

3 (Source: P.A. 99-71, eff. 1-1-16; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-642,
4 eff. 7-28-16; 99-707, eff. 7-29-16.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.