

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.