

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 3-609.1 and 3-621 and by adding Sections 1-142.3 and
6 3-609.3 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-142.3 new)

8 Sec. 1-142.3. Military series registration plate. Any
9 registration plate that may only be issued to an applicant
10 based on some aspect of the applicant's military service.

11 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609.1)

12 Sec. 3-609.1. ~~Congressional~~ Medal of Honor plates. Any
13 resident of the State of Illinois who has been awarded the
14 ~~Congressional~~ Medal of Honor, or an Illinois resident who is
15 the surviving spouse of a person who was awarded the Medal of
16 Honor, may make application for the registration of a motor
17 vehicle owned solely or in part by such recipient, to the
18 Secretary of State without the payment of any registration fee.
19 Registration shall be for a multi-year period effective from
20 issuance. The Secretary of State shall furnish at his or her
21 office at no cost to such ~~Congressional~~ Medal of Honor
22 recipients, plates bearing up to 3 letters designating the

1 recipient's initials followed by the letters M O H ~~C M H~~
2 signifying the ~~Congressional~~ Medal of Honor. The plate shall be
3 suitable for attachment to a motor vehicle or motorcycle
4 registered under this Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 94-343, eff. 1-1-06.)

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.3 new)

7 Sec. 3-609.3. Military series registration plates for
8 veterans with disabilities. In lieu of receiving registration
9 plates without the payment of a fee under Section 3-609, any
10 veteran who holds proof of a 50% or greater service-connected
11 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
12 Affairs may apply for a military series registration plate in
13 the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State. Upon the
14 veteran showing proof of the disability, a military series
15 registration plate may be issued to the veteran without fee for
16 the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division or
17 one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more than
18 8,000 pounds.

19 (625 ILCS 5/3-621) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621)

20 Sec. 3-621. The Secretary, upon receipt of an application,
21 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
22 issue to Illinois residents who are current members, former
23 members, or surviving spouses of former members of the Illinois
24 National Guard, or the National Guard of any other State, the

1 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or Washington, D.C. and to
2 ~~Illinois residents who are either former members of the~~
3 ~~Illinois National Guard or the surviving spouses of Illinois~~
4 ~~National Guard members,~~ special registration plates. The
5 special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed
6 only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles,
7 or motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
8 8,000 pounds subject to the staggered registration system.

9 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly within
10 the discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary may, in
11 his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity
12 or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of
13 this Code.

14 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-353, eff. 1-1-08.)