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**HB4345**

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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

625 ILCS 5/3-412	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412
625 ILCS 5/3-413	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413
625 ILCS 5/3-663 new	

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Authorizes the Secretary of State to issue to a registered owner of a Corvette a special Corvette license plate to be displayed on that vehicle. Provides that only one rear license plate needs to be displayed on that vehicle.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

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 3-412 and 3-413 and by adding Section 3-663 as  
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

8 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates and registration stickers  
9 to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

10 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle  
11 subject to annual registration for the first time shall issue  
12 or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration plate  
13 for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, motorized pedalcycle,  
14 ~~or~~ truck-tractor, or Corvette issued a special plate under  
15 Section 3-663, 2 registration plates for other motor vehicles  
16 and, where applicable, current registration stickers for motor  
17 vehicles of the first division. The provisions of this Section  
18 may be made applicable to such vehicles of the second division,  
19 as the Secretary of State may, from time to time, in his  
20 discretion designate. On subsequent annual registrations  
21 during the term of the registration plate as provided in  
22 Section 3-414.1, the Secretary shall issue or cause to be  
23 issued registration stickers as evidence of current  
24 registration. However, the issuance of annual registration  
25 stickers to vehicles registered under the provisions of  
26 Sections 3-402.1 and 3-405.3 of this Code may not be required  
27 if the Secretary deems the issuance unnecessary.

28 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it  
29 the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is  
30 issued, the name of this State, which may be abbreviated, the  
31 year number for which it was issued, which may be abbreviated,  
32 the phrase "Land of Lincoln" (except as otherwise provided in

1 this Code ~~Chapter 3~~), and such other letters or numbers as the  
2 Secretary may prescribe. However, for apportionment plates  
3 issued to vehicles registered under Section 3-402.1 and fleet  
4 plates issued to vehicles registered under Section 3-405.3, the  
5 phrase "Land of Lincoln" may be omitted to allow for the word  
6 "apportioned", the word "fleet", or other similar language to  
7 be displayed. Registration plates issued to a vehicle  
8 registered as a fleet vehicle may display a designation  
9 determined by the Secretary.

10 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that letters  
11 be used as prefixes only on registration plates issued to  
12 vehicles of the first division which are registered under this  
13 Code and only as suffixes on registration plates issued to  
14 other vehicles. Every registration sticker issued as evidence  
15 of current registration shall designate the year number for  
16 which it is issued and such other letters or numbers as the  
17 Secretary may prescribe and shall be of a contrasting color  
18 with the registration plates and registration stickers of the  
19 previous year.

20 (c) Each registration plate and the required letters and  
21 numerals thereon, except the year number for which issued,  
22 shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a  
23 distance of 100 feet during daylight, and shall be coated with  
24 reflectorizing material. The dimensions of the plate issued to  
25 vehicles of the first division shall be 6 by 12 inches.

26 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger  
27 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of  
28 registration plates as the type of plates issued for a private  
29 passenger vehicle.

30 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger  
31 car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive registration  
32 plates.

33 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every motorcycle  
34 distinctive registration plates distinguishing between  
35 motorcycles having 150 or more cubic centimeters piston  
36 displacement, or having less than 150 cubic centimeter piston

1 displacement.

2 (g) Registration plates issued to vehicles for-hire may  
3 display a designation as determined by the Secretary that such  
4 vehicles are for-hire.

5 (h) The Secretary of State shall issue for each electric  
6 vehicle distinctive registration plates which shall  
7 distinguish between electric vehicles having a maximum  
8 operating speed of 45 miles per hour or more and those having a  
9 maximum operating speed of less than 45 miles per hour.

10 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and  
11 private ambulance registration plates identifying the vehicle  
12 as an ambulance. The Secretary shall forward to the Department  
13 of Public Aid registration information for the purpose of  
14 verification of claims filed with the Department by ambulance  
15 owners for payment for services to public assistance  
16 recipients.

17 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and  
18 private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery registration  
19 plates displaying numbers within ranges of numbers reserved  
20 respectively for medical carriers and rescue vehicles. The  
21 Secretary shall forward to the Department of Public Aid  
22 registration information for the purpose of verification of  
23 claims filed with the Department by owners of medical carriers  
24 or rescue vehicles for payment for services to public  
25 assistance recipients.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-629, eff. 7-1-03; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02;  
27 revised 9-27-03.)

28 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

29 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration  
30 stickers and drive-away permits.

31 (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other  
32 than a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor,  
33 apportioned bus, ~~or~~ apportioned truck, or Corvette issued a  
34 special plate under Section 3-663 shall be attached thereto,  
35 one in the front and one in the rear. The registration plate

1 issued for a motorcycle, trailer, ~~or~~ semitrailer, or Corvette  
2 issued a special plate under Section 3-663 required to be  
3 registered hereunder and any apportionment plate issued to a  
4 bus under the provisions of this Code shall be attached to the  
5 rear thereof. The registration plate issued for a truck-tractor  
6 or an apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder  
7 shall be attached to the front thereof.

8 (b) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely  
9 fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it  
10 is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a  
11 height of not less than 5 inches from the ground, measuring  
12 from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be  
13 clearly visible and shall be maintained in a condition to be  
14 clearly legible, free from any materials that would obstruct  
15 the visibility of the plate, including, but not limited to,  
16 glass covers and tinted plastic covers. Clear plastic covers  
17 are permissible as long as they remain clear and do not  
18 obstruct the visibility of the plates. Registration stickers  
19 issued as evidence of renewed annual registration shall be  
20 attached to registration plates as required by the Secretary of  
21 State, and be clearly visible at all times.

22 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code  
23 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner  
24 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is  
25 affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall  
26 be void and of no effect.

27 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign  
28 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with  
29 Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and  
30 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as an  
31 Illinois registration plate.

32 (e) The registration plate issued for a camper body mounted  
33 on a truck displaying registration plates shall be attached to  
34 the rear of the camper body.

35 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the  
36 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois

1 registration plate, plates or registration stickers after the  
2 termination of the registration period for which issued or  
3 after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections 3-414 and  
4 3-414.1 of this Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 92-668, eff. 1-1-03; 92-680, eff. 7-16-02;  
6 revised 10-2-02.)

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-663 new)

8 Sec. 3-663. Corvette license plate.

9 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in  
10 the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue a  
11 special registration plate designated to be a Corvette license  
12 plate to a registered owner of a Corvette; which plate shall be  
13 displayed on the rear of that Corvette. The special plate  
14 issued under this Section shall be affixed only to a Corvette.  
15 A plate issued under this Section shall expire according to the  
16 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this  
17 Code.

18 (b) The design and color of the plate shall be wholly  
19 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate  
20 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, shall accompany  
21 the application. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion,  
22 allow the plate to be issued as a vanity or personalized plate  
23 in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code.

24 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$40 fee for original  
25 issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee, if  
26 applicable. This fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
27 State Special License Plate Fund, to be used by the Secretary  
28 of State to help defray the administrative processing costs.