

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 State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.786 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.786 new)

7 Sec. 5.786. The Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding  
9 Section 3-696 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-696 new)

11 Sec. 3-696. U.S. Coast Guard license plates.

12 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
13 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications  
14 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may  
15 issue special registration plates designated as U.S. Coast  
16 Guard license plates to residents of Illinois who meet  
17 eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State.  
18 The special plate issued under this Section shall be affixed  
19 only to passenger vehicles of the first division and motor  
20 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000  
21 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according

1 to the staggered multi-year procedure established by Section  
2 3-414.1 of this Code.

3 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
4 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State, except  
5 that the U.S. Coast Guard emblem shall appear on the plates.  
6 The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates  
7 to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance  
8 with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required  
9 to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
10 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe  
11 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,  
12 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
13 under Section 3-412.

14 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$20 fee for original  
15 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of  
16 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary  
17 of State Special License Plate Fund and \$5 shall be deposited  
18 into the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund. For each  
19 registration renewal period, a \$20 fee, in addition to the  
20 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this  
21 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
22 State Special License Plate Fund and \$18 shall be deposited  
23 into the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund.

24 (d) The Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund is created as a  
25 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Coast  
26 Guard Mutual Assistance Fund shall, subject to appropriation by

1 the General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, be used as  
2 grants for charitable purposes and financial assistance  
3 programs sponsored by Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, Inc., a  
4 recognized charitable organization that meets the requirements  
5 of Title 26, Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code.