

SB0616



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-616

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-616

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that upon receiving an application for a certificate of registration for a motor vehicle of the first division or for a motor vehicle of the second division weighing no more than 8,000 pounds, accompanied with payment of required registration fees, the Secretary of State shall, if requested, issue certain registration plates with an imprinted and reasonably recognizable international accessibility symbol for a person with disabilities or a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, if certain conditions are met.

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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 Section 3-616 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-616) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-616)
7 Sec. 3-616. Disability license plates.

8 (a) Upon receiving an application for a certificate of
9 registration for a motor vehicle of the first division or for a
10 motor vehicle of the second division weighing no more than
11 8,000 pounds, accompanied with payment of the registration fees
12 required under this Code from a person with disabilities or a
13 person who is deaf or hard of hearing, the Secretary of State~~7~~
14 ~~if so requested,~~ shall issue to such person registration plates
15 as provided for in Section 3-611 or, if so requested,
16 registration plates authorized under Article IV or Article VI
17 of this Chapter with a reasonably recognizable international
18 accessibility symbol imprinted on the plates, provided that the
19 person with disabilities or person who is deaf or hard of
20 hearing must not be disqualified from obtaining a driver's
21 license under subsection 8 of Section 6-103 of this Code and is
22 otherwise qualified to receive the particular registration
23 plates requested, and further provided that any person making

1 such a request must submit a statement, certified by a licensed
2 physician, by a licensed physician assistant, or by a licensed
3 advanced practice nurse, to the effect that such person is a
4 person with disabilities as defined by Section 1-159.1 of this
5 Code, or alternatively provide adequate documentation that
6 such person has a Class 1A, Class 2A or Type Four disability
7 under the provisions of Section 4A of the Illinois
8 Identification Card Act. For purposes of this Section, an
9 Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card issued
10 pursuant to the Illinois Identification Card Act indicating
11 that the person thereon named has a disability shall be
12 adequate documentation of such a disability.

13 (b) The Secretary shall issue plates under this Section to
14 a parent or legal guardian of a person with disabilities if the
15 person with disabilities has a Class 1A or Class 2A disability
16 as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois Identification Card
17 Act or is a person with disabilities as defined by Section
18 1-159.1 of this Code, and does not possess a vehicle registered
19 in his or her name, provided that the person with disabilities
20 relies frequently on the parent or legal guardian for
21 transportation. Only one vehicle per family may be registered
22 under this subsection, unless the applicant can justify in
23 writing the need for one additional set of plates. Any person
24 requesting special plates under this subsection shall submit
25 such documentation or such physician's, physician assistant's,
26 or advanced practice nurse's statement as is required in

1 subsection (a) and a statement describing the circumstances
2 qualifying for issuance of special plates under this
3 subsection. An optometrist may certify a Class 2A Visual
4 Disability, as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois
5 Identification Card Act, for the purpose of qualifying a person
6 with disabilities for special plates under this subsection.

7 (c) The Secretary may issue a parking decal or device to a
8 person with disabilities as defined by Section 1-159.1 without
9 regard to qualification of such person with disabilities for a
10 driver's license or registration of a vehicle by such person
11 with disabilities or such person's immediate family, provided
12 such person with disabilities making such a request has been
13 issued an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card
14 indicating that the person named thereon has a Class 1A or
15 Class 2A disability, or alternatively, submits a statement
16 certified by a licensed physician, or by a licensed physician
17 assistant or a licensed advanced practice nurse as provided in
18 subsection (a), to the effect that such person is a person with
19 disabilities as defined by Section 1-159.1. An optometrist may
20 certify a Class 2A Visual Disability as defined in Section 4A
21 of the Illinois Identification Card Act for the purpose of
22 qualifying a person with disabilities for a parking decal or
23 device under this subsection.

24 (d) The Secretary shall prescribe by rules and regulations
25 procedures to certify or re-certify as necessary the
26 eligibility of persons whose disabilities are other than

1 permanent for special plates or parking decals or devices
2 issued under subsections (a), (b) and (c). Except as provided
3 under subsection (f) of this Section, no such special plates,
4 decals or devices shall be issued by the Secretary of State to
5 or on behalf of any person with disabilities unless such person
6 is certified as meeting the definition of a person with
7 disabilities pursuant to Section 1-159.1 or meeting the
8 requirement of a Type Four disability as provided under Section
9 4A of the Illinois Identification Card Act for the period of
10 time that the physician, or the physician assistant or advanced
11 practice nurse as provided in subsection (a), determines the
12 applicant will have the disability, but not to exceed 6 months
13 from the date of certification or recertification.

14 (e) Any person requesting special plates under this Section
15 may also apply to have the special plates personalized, as
16 provided under Section 3-405.1.

17 (f) The Secretary of State, upon application, shall issue
18 disability registration plates or a parking decal to
19 corporations, school districts, State or municipal agencies,
20 limited liability companies, nursing homes, convalescent
21 homes, or special education cooperatives which will transport
22 persons with disabilities. The Secretary shall prescribe by
23 rule a means to certify or re-certify the eligibility of
24 organizations to receive disability plates or decals and to
25 designate which of the 2 person with disabilities emblems shall
26 be placed on qualifying vehicles.

1 (g) The Secretary of State, or his designee, may enter into
2 agreements with other jurisdictions, including foreign
3 jurisdictions, on behalf of this State relating to the
4 extension of parking privileges by such jurisdictions to
5 residents of this State with disabilities who display a special
6 license plate or parking device that contains the International
7 symbol of access on his or her motor vehicle, and to recognize
8 such plates or devices issued by such other jurisdictions. This
9 State shall grant the same parking privileges which are granted
10 to residents of this State with disabilities to any
11 non-resident whose motor vehicle is licensed in another state,
12 district, territory or foreign country if such vehicle displays
13 the international symbol of access or a distinguishing insignia
14 on license plates or parking device issued in accordance with
15 the laws of the non-resident's state, district, territory or
16 foreign country.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-173, eff. 7-29-15;
18 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)