

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.)