



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4253

Introduced 1/27/2020, by Rep. Nathan D. Reitz

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-699.14

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to allow for the issuance of In God We Trust special license plate decals by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. Provides that \$5 of each original issuance and \$18 of each renewal shall be deposited into the Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund, and that \$15 of each original issuance and \$2 of each renewal shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 3-699.14 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.14)

7 Sec. 3-699.14. Universal special license plates.

8 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
9 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications
10 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue
11 Universal special license plates to residents of Illinois on
12 behalf of organizations that have been authorized by the
13 General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special license
14 plates. Appropriate documentation, as determined by the
15 Secretary, shall accompany each application. Authorized
16 organizations shall be designated by amendment to this Section.
17 When applying for a Universal special license plate the
18 applicant shall inform the Secretary of the name of the
19 authorized organization from which the applicant will obtain a
20 decal to place on the plate. The Secretary shall make a record
21 of that organization and that organization shall remain
22 affiliated with that plate until the plate is surrendered,
23 revoked, or otherwise cancelled. The authorized organization

1 may charge a fee to offset the cost of producing and
2 distributing the decal, but that fee shall be retained by the
3 authorized organization and shall be separate and distinct from
4 any registration fees charged by the Secretary. No decal,
5 sticker, or other material may be affixed to a Universal
6 special license plate other than a decal authorized by the
7 General Assembly in this Section or a registration renewal
8 sticker. The special plates issued under this Section shall be
9 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
10 including motorcycles and autocycles, or motor vehicles of the
11 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates
12 issued under this Section shall expire according to the
13 multi-year procedure under Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

14 (b) The design, color, and format of the Universal special
15 license plate shall be wholly within the discretion of the
16 Secretary. Universal special license plates are not required to
17 designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of
18 Section 3-412 of this Code. The design shall allow for the
19 application of a decal to the plate. Organizations authorized
20 by the General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special
21 license plates shall comply with rules adopted by the Secretary
22 governing the requirements for and approval of Universal
23 special license plate decals. The Secretary may, in his or her
24 discretion, allow Universal special license plates to be issued
25 as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section
26 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of State must make a

1 version of the special registration plates authorized under
2 this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles and
3 autocycles.

4 (c) When authorizing a Universal special license plate, the
5 General Assembly shall set forth whether an additional fee is
6 to be charged for the plate and, if a fee is to be charged, the
7 amount of the fee and how the fee is to be distributed. When
8 necessary, the authorizing language shall create a special fund
9 in the State treasury into which fees may be deposited for an
10 authorized Universal special license plate. Additional fees
11 may only be charged if the fee is to be paid over to a State
12 agency or to a charitable entity that is in compliance with the
13 registration and reporting requirements of the Charitable
14 Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act. Any charitable
15 entity receiving fees for the sale of Universal special license
16 plates shall annually provide the Secretary of State a letter
17 of compliance issued by the Attorney General verifying that the
18 entity is in compliance with the Charitable Trust Act and the
19 Solicitation for Charity Act.

20 (d) Upon original issuance and for each registration
21 renewal period, in addition to the appropriate registration
22 fee, if applicable, the Secretary shall collect any additional
23 fees, if required, for issuance of Universal special license
24 plates. The fees shall be collected on behalf of the
25 organization designated by the applicant when applying for the
26 plate. All fees collected shall be transferred to the State

1 agency on whose behalf the fees were collected, or paid into
2 the special fund designated in the law authorizing the
3 organization to issue decals for Universal special license
4 plates. All money in the designated fund shall be distributed
5 by the Secretary subject to appropriation by the General
6 Assembly.

7 (e) The following organizations may issue decals for
8 Universal special license plates with the original and renewal
9 fees and fee distribution as follows:

10 (1) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

11 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the
12 Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund and \$15 to the Secretary
13 of State Special License Plate Fund.

14 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Roadside Monarch
15 Habitat Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special
16 License Plate Fund.

17 (2) Illinois Veterans' Homes.

18 (A) Original issuance: \$26, which shall be
19 deposited into the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

20 (B) Renewal: \$26, which shall be deposited into the
21 Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

22 (3) The Illinois Department of Human Services for
23 volunteerism decals.

24 (A) Original issuance: \$25, which shall be
25 deposited into the Secretary of State Special License
26 Plate Fund.

1 (B) Renewal: \$25, which shall be deposited into the
2 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

3 (4) The Illinois Department of Public Health.

4 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the
5 Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund and \$15 to the Secretary
6 of State Special License Plate Fund.

7 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Prostate Cancer
8 Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special
9 License Plate Fund.

10 (5) Horsemen's Council of Illinois.

11 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the
12 Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund and \$15 to the
13 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

14 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Horsemen's
15 Council of Illinois Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of
16 State Special License Plate Fund.

17 (6) K9s for Veterans, NFP.

18 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the
19 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund and \$15
20 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

21 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Post-Traumatic
22 Stress Disorder Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary
23 of State Special License Plate Fund.

24 (7) ~~(6)~~ The International Association of Machinists
25 and Aerospace Workers.

26 (A) Original issuance: \$35; with \$20 to the Guide

1 Dogs of America Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State
2 Special License Plate Fund.

3 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 going to the Guide Dogs
4 of America Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State
5 Special License Plate Fund.

6 (8) ~~(7)~~ Local Lodge 701 of the International
7 Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

8 (A) Original issuance: \$35; with \$10 to the Guide
9 Dogs of America Fund, \$10 to the Mechanics Training
10 Fund, and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License
11 Plate Fund.

12 (B) Renewal: \$30; with \$13 to the Guide Dogs of
13 America Fund, \$15 to the Mechanics Training Fund, and
14 \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate
15 Fund.

16 (9) ~~(6)~~ Illinois Department of Human Services.

17 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Theresa
18 Tracy Trot - Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund and
19 \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate
20 Fund.

21 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Theresa Tracy
22 Trot - Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund and \$2 to
23 the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

24 (10) ~~(6)~~ The Illinois Department of Human Services for
25 developmental disabilities awareness decals.

26 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the

1 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund and \$15 to
2 the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

3 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Developmental
4 Disabilities Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of
5 State Special License Plate Fund.

6 (11) ~~(6)~~ The Illinois Department of Human Services for
7 pediatric cancer awareness decals.

8 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the
9 Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund and \$15 to the
10 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

11 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Pediatric Cancer
12 Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special
13 License Plate Fund.

14 (12) The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs for
15 In God We Trust decals.

16 (A) Original issuance: \$20; with \$5 to the Illinois
17 Veterans Assistance Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of
18 State Special License Plate Fund.

19 (B) Renewal: \$20; with \$18 to the Illinois Veterans
20 Assistance Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State
21 Special License Plate Fund.

22 (f) The following funds are created as special funds in the
23 State treasury:

24 (1) The Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund. All moneys to be
25 paid as grants to the Illinois Department of Natural
26 Resources to fund roadside monarch and other pollinator

1 habitat development, enhancement, and restoration projects
2 in this State.

3 (2) The Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund. All moneys to
4 be paid as grants to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of
5 Chicago.

6 (3) The Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund. All moneys
7 shall be paid as grants to the Horsemen's Council of
8 Illinois.

9 (4) The Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund.
10 All money in the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness
11 Fund shall be paid as grants to K9s for Veterans, NFP for
12 support, education, and awareness of veterans with
13 post-traumatic stress disorder.

14 (5) ~~(4)~~ The Guide Dogs of America Fund. All moneys
15 shall be paid as grants to the International Guiding Eyes,
16 Inc., doing business as Guide Dogs of America.

17 (6) ~~(5)~~ The Mechanics Training Fund. All moneys shall
18 be paid as grants to the Mechanics Local 701 Training Fund.

19 (7) ~~(4)~~ The Theresa Tracy Trot - Illinois CancerCare
20 Foundation Fund. All money in the Theresa Tracy Trot -
21 Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund shall be paid to the
22 Illinois CancerCare Foundation for the purpose of
23 furthering pancreatic cancer research.

24 (8) ~~(4)~~ The Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund.
25 All moneys to be paid as grants to the Illinois Department
26 of Human Services to fund legal aid groups to assist with

1 guardianship fees for private citizens willing to become
2 guardians for individuals with developmental disabilities
3 but who are unable to pay the legal fees associated with
4 becoming a guardian.

5 (9) ~~(4)~~ The Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund. All moneys
6 to be paid as grants to the Cancer Center at Illinois for
7 pediatric cancer treatment and research.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-57, eff. 1-1-18; 100-60, eff. 1-1-18; 100-78,
9 eff. 1-1-18; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18;
10 101-248, eff. 1-1-20; 101-256, eff. 1-1-20; 101-276, eff.
11 8-9-19; 101-282, eff. 1-1-20; 101-372, eff. 1-1-20; revised
12 9-24-19.)