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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-171	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-171
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

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning with the next registration year after the effective date, the Secretary of State shall issue one registration plate (instead of 2) for newly registered motor vehicles and the registration plate shall be attached to the rear (instead of front and rear) of the motor vehicle.

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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 Sections 1-171, 3-412, and 3-413 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/1-171) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-171)

7 Sec. 1-171. Registration - Registration Sticker.
8 Registration. The registration certificate or certificates,
9 registration plates and registration stickers issued under the
10 laws of this State pertaining to the registration of vehicles.

11 Registration Sticker or Stickers. A device or devices to be
12 attached to a rear registration plate that will renew the
13 registration and registration plate or plates for a
14 pre-determined period not to exceed one registration year
15 except as provided in subsection (1) of Section 3-414 of this
16 Code. Should the Secretary of State determine it is advisable
17 to require a registration sticker to be attached to a front
18 registration plate, he may require such action and provide the
19 necessary additional sticker. Such determination shall be
20 publicly announced at least 30 days in advance of a new annual
21 registration year.

22 "Registration" and "registration sticker or stickers"
23 includes digital registration plates and digital registration

1 stickers issued by the Secretary of State under Section
2 3-401.5.

3 Beginning with the next registration year after the
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
5 Assembly, any reference to "plates" in the plural number in any
6 law or rule shall be deemed to be a reference to the single
7 registration plate required to be furnished and displayed in
8 accordance with this amendatory Act of the 101st General
9 Assembly.

10 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

12 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates or digital registration
13 plates and registration stickers or digital registration
14 stickers to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

15 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle
16 subject to annual registration for the first time shall issue
17 or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration plate
18 or digital registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer,
19 semitrailer, moped, autocycle, or truck-tractor, 2
20 registration plates, or a digital registration plate and metal
21 plate as set forth in Section 3-401.5, for other motor vehicles
22 and, where applicable, current registration stickers or
23 digital registration stickers for motor vehicles of the first
24 division. Beginning with the next registration year after the
25 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General

1 Assembly, the Secretary of State, upon registering a vehicle
2 subject to annual registration for the first time, shall issue
3 or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration plate
4 for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, motorized pedalcycle,
5 or truck-tractor, one registration plate for other motor
6 vehicles, and, when applicable, current registration stickers
7 for motor vehicles of the first division.

8 The provisions of this Section may be made applicable to
9 such vehicles of the second division, as the Secretary of State
10 may, from time to time, in his discretion designate. On
11 subsequent annual registrations during the term of the
12 registration plate or digital registration plate as provided in
13 Section 3-414.1, the Secretary shall issue or cause to be
14 issued registration stickers or digital registration stickers
15 as evidence of current registration. However, the issuance of
16 annual registration stickers or digital registration stickers
17 to vehicles registered under the provisions of Sections 3-402.1
18 and 3-405.3 of this Code may not be required if the Secretary
19 deems the issuance unnecessary.

20 (b) Every registration plate or digital registration plate
21 shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned
22 to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of this State,
23 which may be abbreviated, the year number for which it was
24 issued, which may be abbreviated, the phrase "Land of Lincoln"
25 (except as otherwise provided in this Code), and such other
26 letters or numbers as the Secretary may prescribe. However, for

1 apportionment plates issued to vehicles registered under
2 Section 3-402.1 and fleet plates issued to vehicles registered
3 under Section 3-405.3, the phrase "Land of Lincoln" may be
4 omitted to allow for the word "apportioned", the word "fleet",
5 or other similar language to be displayed. Registration plates
6 or digital registration plates issued to a vehicle registered
7 as a fleet vehicle may display a designation determined by the
8 Secretary.

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

22 (c) Each registration plate or digital registration plate
23 and the required letters and numerals thereon, except the year
24 number for which issued, shall be of sufficient size to be
25 plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight,
26 and shall be coated with reflectorizing material. The

1 dimensions of the plate issued to vehicles of the first
2 division shall be 6 by 12 inches.

3 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
4 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
5 registration plates or digital registration plates as the type
6 of plates issued for a private passenger vehicle.

7 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
8 car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive registration
9 plates or digital registration plates.

10 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every motorcycle
11 distinctive registration plates or digital registration plates
12 distinguishing between motorcycles having 150 or more cubic
13 centimeters piston displacement, or having less than 150 cubic
14 centimeter piston displacement.

15 (g) Registration plates or digital registration plates
16 issued to vehicles for-hire may display a designation as
17 determined by the Secretary that such vehicles are for-hire.

18 (h) (Blank).

19 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
20 private ambulance registration plates or digital registration
21 plates identifying the vehicle as an ambulance. The Secretary
22 shall forward to the Department of Healthcare and Family
23 Services registration information for the purpose of
24 verification of claims filed with the Department by ambulance
25 owners for payment for services to public assistance
26 recipients.

1 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
2 private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery registration
3 plates or digital registration plates displaying numbers
4 within ranges of numbers reserved respectively for medical
5 carriers and rescue vehicles. The Secretary shall forward to
6 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services registration
7 information for the purpose of verification of claims filed
8 with the Department by owners of medical carriers or rescue
9 vehicles for payment for services to public assistance
10 recipients.

11 (k) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive license
12 plates or digital registration plates or distinctive license
13 plate stickers or digital registration stickers for every
14 vehicle exempted from subsections (a) and (a-5) of Section
15 12-503 by subsection (g) of that Section, and by subsection
16 (g-5) of that Section before its deletion by this amendatory
17 Act of the 95th General Assembly. The Secretary shall issue
18 these plates or stickers immediately upon receiving the
19 physician's certification required under subsection (g) of
20 Section 12-503. New plates or stickers shall also be issued
21 when the certification is renewed as provided in that
22 subsection.

23 (l) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
24 registration plates or digital registration plates for
25 low-speed vehicles.

26 (m) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive

1 registration plates or digital registration plates for
2 autocycles. The dimensions of the plate issued to autocycles
3 shall be 4 by 7 inches.

4 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)

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

6 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates or digital
7 registration plates, registration stickers or digital
8 registration stickers, and drive-away permits; registration
9 plate or digital registration plate covers.

10 (a) Registration plates or digital registration plates
11 issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, autocycle,
12 trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or
13 apportioned truck shall be attached thereto, one in the front
14 and one in the rear. Beginning with the next registration year
15 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st
16 General Assembly, the registration plate issued for a motor
17 vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer,
18 truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be
19 attached to the rear of the vehicle.

20 The registration plate or digital registration plate
21 issued for a motorcycle, autocycle, trailer or semitrailer
22 required to be registered hereunder and any apportionment plate
23 issued to a bus under the provisions of this Code shall be
24 attached to the rear thereof. The registration plate or digital
25 registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an apportioned

1 truck required to be registered hereunder shall be attached to
2 the front thereof.

3 (b) Except for vehicles with rear loaded motorized
4 forklifts, every registration plate or digital registration
5 plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal
6 position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent
7 the plate from swinging and at a height of not less than 5
8 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such
9 plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall
10 be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible, free from
11 any materials that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.
12 A registration plate or digital registration plate on a
13 motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it is otherwise
14 clearly visible. Registration stickers or digital registration
15 stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual registration
16 shall be attached to registration plates or displayed on
17 digital registration plates as required by the Secretary of
18 State, and be clearly visible at all times. For those vehicles
19 with rear loaded motorized forklifts, if the rear plate is
20 securely fastened in a horizontal position as prescribed, the
21 plate and registration sticker shall not be required to be
22 clearly visible at all times as a result of the rear mounted
23 motorized forklift obstructing the view.

24 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code
25 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
26 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is

1 affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall
2 be void and of no effect.

3 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign
4 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with
5 Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate or digital
6 registration plate and displayed on the front of such vehicle
7 in the same manner as an Illinois registration plate or digital
8 registration plate.

9 (e) The registration plate or digital registration plate
10 issued for a camper body mounted on a truck displaying
11 registration plates or digital registration plates shall be
12 attached to the rear of the camper body.

13 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the
14 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois
15 registration plate or plates or digital registration plate or
16 plates or registration stickers or digital registration
17 stickers, except as provided for in subsection (b) of Section
18 3-701 of this Code, after the termination of the registration
19 period for which issued or after the expiration date set
20 pursuant to Sections 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

21 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is
22 equipped with registration plate or digital registration plate
23 covers. A violation of this subsection (g) or a similar
24 provision of a local ordinance is an offense against laws and
25 ordinances regulating the movement of traffic.

26 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration

1 plate or digital registration plate cover. A violation of this
2 subsection (h) is a business offense.

3 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of promoting
4 the sale of registration plate or digital registration plate
5 covers. A violation of this subsection (i) is a business
6 offense.

7 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's
8 mounting location of the rear registration plate or digital
9 registration plate on any vehicle so as to conceal the
10 registration or to knowingly cause it to be obstructed in an
11 effort to hinder a peace officer from obtaining the
12 registration for the enforcement of a violation of this Code,
13 Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning toll evasion,
14 or any municipal ordinance. Modifications prohibited by this
15 subsection (j) include but are not limited to the use of an
16 electronic device. A violation of this subsection (j) is a
17 Class A misdemeanor.

18 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)