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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 694

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 694 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 3-609 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)

7 Sec. 3-609. Plates for veterans with disabilities.

8 (a) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
9 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
10 Affairs, and who has obtained certification from a licensed
11 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice
12 registered nurse that the service-connected disability
13 qualifies the veteran for issuance of registration plates or
14 digital registration plates or decals to a person with
15 disabilities in accordance with Section 3-616, may, without
16 the payment of any registration fee, make application to the

1 Secretary of State for license plates for veterans with
2 disabilities displaying the international symbol of access,
3 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first
4 division, one motorcycle, or one motor vehicle of the second
5 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

6 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
7 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
8 Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to
9 be 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the
10 veteran for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities
11 under Section 3-616, may, without the payment of any
12 registration fee, make application to the Secretary for a
13 special registration plate or digital registration plate
14 without the international symbol of access for the
15 registration of one motor vehicle of the first division, one
16 motorcycle, or one motor vehicle of the second division
17 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

18 (c) Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with
19 documentation for eligibility of registration without fee
20 unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability,
21 and such registration plates or digital registration plates
22 may not be issued to any person not eligible therefor. The
23 Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs may assist in
24 providing the documentation of disability.

25 (d) The design and color of the plates shall be within the
26 discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates issued

1 under subsection (b) of this Section shall not contain the
2 international symbol of access. The Secretary may, in his or
3 her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
4 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
5 Code. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be
6 issued staggered registration.

7 (e) Any person eligible to receive license plates under
8 this Section who has been approved for benefits under the
9 Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax
10 Relief Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under that
11 Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise
12 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard
13 multi-year registration plates or digital registration plates
14 issued under Section 3-414.1, for motor vehicles registered at
15 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), or for
16 recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
17 Section 3-815(b), for a second set of plates under this
18 Section.

19 (f) With respect to the supporting documentation required
20 to obtain a plate under this Section, the Secretary shall
21 allow an applicant to redact information on the documentation
22 that pertains to the nature of the applicant's health issue,
23 unless that information is necessary to confirm that the
24 applicant's disability is service-connected or to establish
25 the degree of the applicant's service-connected disability.

26 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18; 101-395, eff. 8-16-19;

1 101-536, eff. 1-1-20; revised 9-24-19.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.".