

# HB2981



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**HB2981**

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.935 new  
625 ILCS 5/3-699.14

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Choose Life Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to allow for the issuance of decals by Illinois Choose Life, Inc. Provides for the original and renewal fees and fee distribution for Universal special license plates with decals issued by Illinois Choose Life, Inc.

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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 State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.935 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.935 new)

7 Sec. 5.935. The Choose Life Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
9 changing Section 3-699.14 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.14)

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

12 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
13 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
14 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may  
15 issue Universal special license plates to residents of  
16 Illinois on behalf of organizations that have been authorized  
17 by the General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special  
18 license plates. Appropriate documentation, as determined by  
19 the Secretary, shall accompany each application. Authorized  
20 organizations shall be designated by amendment to this  
21 Section. When applying for a Universal special license plate

1 the applicant shall inform the Secretary of the name of the  
2 authorized organization from which the applicant will obtain a  
3 decal to place on the plate. The Secretary shall make a record  
4 of that organization and that organization shall remain  
5 affiliated with that plate until the plate is surrendered,  
6 revoked, or otherwise cancelled. The authorized organization  
7 may charge a fee to offset the cost of producing and  
8 distributing the decal, but that fee shall be retained by the  
9 authorized organization and shall be separate and distinct  
10 from any registration fees charged by the Secretary. No decal,  
11 sticker, or other material may be affixed to a Universal  
12 special license plate other than a decal authorized by the  
13 General Assembly in this Section or a registration renewal  
14 sticker. The special plates issued under this Section shall be  
15 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
16 including motorcycles and autocycles, or motor vehicles of the  
17 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates  
18 issued under this Section shall expire according to the  
19 multi-year procedure under Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

20 (b) The design, color, and format of the Universal special  
21 license plate shall be wholly within the discretion of the  
22 Secretary. Universal special license plates are not required  
23 to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection  
24 (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The design shall allow for  
25 the application of a decal to the plate. Organizations  
26 authorized by the General Assembly to issue decals for

1 Universal special license plates shall comply with rules  
2 adopted by the Secretary governing the requirements for and  
3 approval of Universal special license plate decals. The  
4 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow Universal  
5 special license plates to be issued as vanity or personalized  
6 plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The  
7 Secretary of State must make a version of the special  
8 registration plates authorized under this Section in a form  
9 appropriate for motorcycles and autocycles.

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

26 (d) Upon original issuance and for each registration

1 renewal period, in addition to the appropriate registration  
2 fee, if applicable, the Secretary shall collect any additional  
3 fees, if required, for issuance of Universal special license  
4 plates. The fees shall be collected on behalf of the  
5 organization designated by the applicant when applying for the  
6 plate. All fees collected shall be transferred to the State  
7 agency on whose behalf the fees were collected, or paid into  
8 the special fund designated in the law authorizing the  
9 organization to issue decals for Universal special license  
10 plates. All money in the designated fund shall be distributed  
11 by the Secretary subject to appropriation by the General  
12 Assembly.

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

16 (1) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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

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

23 (2) Illinois Veterans' Homes.

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

26 (B) Renewal: \$26, which shall be deposited into

1 the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

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

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

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

9 (4) The Illinois Department of Public Health.

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

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

16 (5) Horsemen's Council of Illinois.

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

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

23 (6) K9s for Veterans, NFP.

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

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

4 (7) ~~(6)~~ The International Association of Machinists  
5 and Aerospace Workers.

6 (A) Original issuance: \$35; with \$20 to the Guide  
7 Dogs of America Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State  
8 Special License Plate Fund.

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

12 (8) ~~(7)~~ Local Lodge 701 of the International  
13 Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

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

18 (B) Renewal: \$30; with \$13 to the Guide Dogs of  
19 America Fund, \$15 to the Mechanics Training Fund, and  
20 \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate  
21 Fund.

22 (9) ~~(6)~~ Illinois Department of Human Services.

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

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

4 (10) ~~(6)~~ The Illinois Department of Human Services for  
5 developmental disabilities awareness decals.

6 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the  
7 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund and \$15 to  
8 the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

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

12 (11) ~~(6)~~ The Illinois Department of Human Services for  
13 pediatric cancer awareness decals.

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

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

20 (12) Illinois Choose Life, Inc.

21 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Choose  
22 Life Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special  
23 License Plate Fund.

24 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Choose Life Fund  
25 and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate  
26 Fund.



1 (f) The following funds are created as special funds in  
2 the State treasury:

3 (1) The Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund. All moneys to  
4 be paid as grants to the Illinois Department of Natural  
5 Resources to fund roadside monarch and other pollinator  
6 habitat development, enhancement, and restoration projects  
7 in this State.

8 (2) The Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund. All moneys to  
9 be paid as grants to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of  
10 Chicago.

11 (3) The Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund. All  
12 moneys shall be paid as grants to the Horsemen's Council  
13 of Illinois.

14 (4) The Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund.  
15 All money in the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness  
16 Fund shall be paid as grants to K9s for Veterans, NFP for  
17 support, education, and awareness of veterans with  
18 post-traumatic stress disorder.

19 (5) ~~(4)~~ The Guide Dogs of America Fund. All moneys  
20 shall be paid as grants to the International Guiding Eyes,  
21 Inc., doing business as Guide Dogs of America.

22 (6) ~~(5)~~ The Mechanics Training Fund. All moneys shall  
23 be paid as grants to the Mechanics Local 701 Training  
24 Fund.

25 (7) ~~(4)~~ The Theresa Tracy Trot - Illinois CancerCare  
26 Foundation Fund. All money in the Theresa Tracy Trot -

1 Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund shall be paid to the  
2 Illinois CancerCare Foundation for the purpose of  
3 furthering pancreatic cancer research.

4 (8) ~~(4)~~ The Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund.  
5 All moneys to be paid as grants to the Illinois Department  
6 of Human Services to fund legal aid groups to assist with  
7 guardianship fees for private citizens willing to become  
8 guardians for individuals with developmental disabilities  
9 but who are unable to pay the legal fees associated with  
10 becoming a guardian.

11 (9) ~~(4)~~ The Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund. All  
12 moneys to be paid as grants to the Cancer Center at  
13 Illinois for pediatric cancer treatment and research.

14 (10) The Choose Life Fund. All moneys to be paid as  
15 grants to Illinois Choose Life, Inc.

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