

SB0597



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-506

625 ILCS 5/3-698.5 new

625 ILCS 5/3-802

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State may issue Air Force Combat Action Medal license plates to residents who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary. Makes conforming changes.

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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
5 changing Sections 3-506 and 3-802 and by adding Section
6 3-698.5 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-506)

8 Sec. 3-506. Transfer of plates to spouses of military
9 service members. Upon the death of a military service member
10 who has been issued a special plate under Section 3-609.1,
11 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638,
12 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669,
13 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698,
14 3-699.12, ~~or~~ 3-699.17, or 3-698.5 of this Code, the surviving
15 spouse of that service member may retain the plate so long as
16 that spouse is a resident of Illinois and transfers the
17 registration to his or her name within 180 days of the death of
18 the service member.

19 For the purposes of this Section, "service member" means
20 any individual who is serving or has served in any branch of
21 the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard
22 or other reserve components of the Armed Forces, and has been
23 issued a special plate listed in this Section.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 101-51, eff. 7-12-19.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/3-698.5 new)

3 Sec. 3-698.5. Air Force Combat Action Medal license
4 plates.

5 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
6 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
7 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may
8 issue Air Force Combat Action Medal license plates to
9 residents of this State who meet eligibility requirements
10 prescribed by the Secretary. The special Air Force Combat
11 Action Medal plate issued under this Section shall be affixed
12 only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles,
13 and motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more
14 than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall
15 expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure
16 established by Section 3-414.1.

17 (b) The plates shall display the Air Force Combat Action
18 Medal. In all other respects, the design, color, and format of
19 the plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary.
20 The Secretary may allow the plates to be issued as vanity
21 plates or personalized in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of
22 this Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land of
23 Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of
24 this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the eligibility
25 requirements and, in the discretion of the Secretary, shall

1 approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under
2 Section 3-412.

3 (625 ILCS 5/3-802) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-802)

4 Sec. 3-802. Reclassifications and upgrades.

5 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the
6 following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them as
7 follows:

8 "Reclassification" means changing the registration of
9 a vehicle from one plate category to another.

10 "Upgrade" means increasing the registered weight of a
11 vehicle within the same plate category.

12 (b) When reclassing the registration of a vehicle from one
13 plate category to another, the owner shall receive credit for
14 the unused portion of the present plate and be charged the
15 current portion fees for the new plate. In addition, the
16 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
17 shall be assessed.

18 (b-5) ~~Any Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any~~
19 individual who has a registration issued under either Section
20 3-405 or 3-405.1 that qualifies for a special license plate
21 under Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623,
22 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650,
23 3-651, 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680,
24 3-681, 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, ~~or~~
25 3-699.17, or 3-698.5 may reclass his or her registration upon

1 acquiring a special license plate listed in this subsection
2 (b-5) without a replacement plate or digital plate fee or
3 registration sticker or digital registration sticker cost.

4 (b-10) Any ~~Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any~~
5 individual who has a special license plate issued under
6 Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624,
7 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651,
8 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681,
9 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, ~~or~~ 3-699.17, or
10 3-698.5 may reclass his or her special license plate upon
11 acquiring a new registration under Section 3-405 or 3-405.1
12 without a replacement plate or digital plate fee or
13 registration sticker or digital registration sticker cost.

14 (c) When upgrading the weight of a registration within the
15 same plate category, the owner shall pay the difference in
16 current period fees between the 2 ~~two~~ plates. In addition, the
17 appropriate replacement plate and replacement sticker fees
18 shall be assessed. In the event new plates are not required,
19 the corrected registration card fee shall be assessed.

20 (d) In the event the owner of the vehicle desires to change
21 the registered weight and change the plate category, the owner
22 shall receive credit for the unused portion of the
23 registration fee of the current plate and pay the current
24 portion of the registration fee for the new plate, and in
25 addition, pay the appropriate replacement plate and
26 replacement sticker fees.

1 (e) Reclassing from one plate category to another plate
2 category can be done only once within any registration period.

3 (f) No refunds shall be made in any of the circumstances
4 found in subsection (b), subsection (c), or subsection (d);
5 however, when reclassing from a flat weight plate to an
6 apportioned plate, a refund may be issued if the credit
7 amounts to an overpayment.

8 (g) In the event the registration of a vehicle registered
9 under the mileage tax option is revoked, the owner shall be
10 required to pay the annual registration fee in the new plate
11 category and shall not receive any credit for the mileage
12 plate fees.

13 (h) Certain special interest plates may be displayed on
14 first division vehicles, second division vehicles weighing
15 8,000 pounds or less, and recreational vehicles. Those plates
16 can be transferred within those vehicle groups.

17 (i) Plates displayed on second division vehicles weighing
18 8,000 pounds or less and passenger vehicle plates may be
19 reclassified from one division to the other.

20 (j) Other than in subsection (i), reclassing from one
21 division to the other division is prohibited. In addition, a
22 reclass from a motor vehicle to a trailer or a trailer to a
23 motor vehicle is prohibited.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-246, eff. 1-1-18; 100-450, eff. 1-1-18;
25 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 101-395, eff.
26 8-16-19; revised 9-24-19.)