

SB2307



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Sue Rezin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-609

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609

625 ILCS 5/3-609.3

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities, along with those with service-connected disabilities, are eligible for plates for veterans with disabilities. Provides that, in lieu of receiving registration plates without the payment of a fee under Section 3-609, any veteran who holds proof of a 50% or greater service-connected or nonservice-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs may apply for a military series registration plate in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

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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 3-609 and 3-609.3 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 or proof of a nonservice-connected disability, and who
11 has obtained certification from a licensed physician,
12 physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse
13 that the ~~service-connected~~ disability qualifies the veteran
14 for issuance of registration plates or digital registration
15 plates or decals to a person with disabilities in accordance
16 with Section 3-616, may, without the payment of any
17 registration fee, make application to the Secretary of State
18 for license plates for veterans with disabilities displaying
19 the international symbol of access, for the registration of
20 one motor vehicle of the first division, one motorcycle, or
21 one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more
22 than 8,000 pounds.

23 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected

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

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

19 (d) The design and color of the plates shall be within the
20 discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates issued
21 under subsection (b) of this Section shall not contain the
22 international symbol of access. The Secretary may, in his or
23 her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
24 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
25 Code. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be
26 issued staggered registration.

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

13 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18; 101-395, eff. 8-16-19;
14 101-536, eff. 1-1-20; revised 9-24-19.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.3)

16 Sec. 3-609.3. Military series registration plates for
17 veterans with disabilities. In lieu of receiving registration
18 plates without the payment of a fee under Section 3-609, any
19 veteran who holds proof of a 50% or greater service-connected
20 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
21 Affairs or proof of a nonservice-connected disability may
22 apply for a military series registration plate in the manner
23 prescribed by the Secretary of State. Upon the veteran showing
24 proof of the disability, a military series registration plate
25 may be issued to the veteran without fee for the registration

1 of one motor vehicle of the first division or one motor vehicle
2 of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.
3 (Source: P.A. 101-262, eff. 1-1-20.)