

# HB3198



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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-699.14

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to allow for the issuance of In God We Trust special license plate decals by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. Provides that \$5 of each original issuance and \$18 of each renewal shall be deposited into the Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund, and that \$15 of each original issuance and \$2 of each renewal shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

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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 Section 3-699.14 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.14)

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

8 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
9 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
10 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may  
11 issue Universal special license plates to residents of  
12 Illinois on behalf of organizations that have been authorized  
13 by the General Assembly to issue decals for Universal special  
14 license plates. Appropriate documentation, as determined by  
15 the Secretary, shall accompany each application. Authorized  
16 organizations shall be designated by amendment to this  
17 Section. When applying for a Universal special license plate  
18 the applicant shall inform the Secretary of the name of the  
19 authorized organization from which the applicant will obtain a  
20 decal to place on the plate. The Secretary shall make a record  
21 of that organization and that organization shall remain  
22 affiliated with that plate until the plate is surrendered,  
23 revoked, or otherwise cancelled. The authorized organization

1 may charge a fee to offset the cost of producing and  
2 distributing the decal, but that fee shall be retained by the  
3 authorized organization and shall be separate and distinct  
4 from any registration fees charged by the Secretary. No decal,  
5 sticker, or other material may be affixed to a Universal  
6 special license plate other than a decal authorized by the  
7 General Assembly in this Section or a registration renewal  
8 sticker. The special plates issued under this Section shall be  
9 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
10 including motorcycles and autocycles, or motor vehicles of the  
11 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates  
12 issued under this Section shall expire according to the  
13 multi-year procedure under Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

14 (b) The design, color, and format of the Universal special  
15 license plate shall be wholly within the discretion of the  
16 Secretary. Universal special license plates are not required  
17 to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection  
18 (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The design shall allow for  
19 the application of a decal to the plate. Organizations  
20 authorized by the General Assembly to issue decals for  
21 Universal special license plates shall comply with rules  
22 adopted by the Secretary governing the requirements for and  
23 approval of Universal special license plate decals. The  
24 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow Universal  
25 special license plates to be issued as vanity or personalized  
26 plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The

1 Secretary of State must make a version of the special  
2 registration plates authorized under this Section in a form  
3 appropriate for motorcycles and autocycles.

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

20 (d) Upon original issuance and for each registration  
21 renewal period, in addition to the appropriate registration  
22 fee, if applicable, the Secretary shall collect any additional  
23 fees, if required, for issuance of Universal special license  
24 plates. The fees shall be collected on behalf of the  
25 organization designated by the applicant when applying for the  
26 plate. All fees collected shall be transferred to the State

1 agency on whose behalf the fees were collected, or paid into  
2 the special fund designated in the law authorizing the  
3 organization to issue decals for Universal special license  
4 plates. All money in the designated fund shall be distributed  
5 by the Secretary subject to appropriation by the General  
6 Assembly.

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

10 (1) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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

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

17 (2) Illinois Veterans' Homes.

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

20 (B) Renewal: \$26, which shall be deposited into  
21 the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

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

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

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

3 (4) The Illinois Department of Public Health.

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

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

10 (5) Horsemen's Council of Illinois.

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

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

17 (6) K9s for Veterans, NFP.

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

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

24 (7) The International Association of Machinists and  
25 Aerospace Workers.

26 (A) Original issuance: \$35; with \$20 to the Guide

1 Dogs of America Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State  
2 Special License Plate Fund.

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

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

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

12 (B) Renewal: \$30; with \$13 to the Guide Dogs of  
13 America Fund, \$15 to the Mechanics Training Fund, and  
14 \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate  
15 Fund.

16 (9) Illinois Department of Human Services.

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

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

24 (10) The Illinois Department of Human Services for  
25 developmental disabilities awareness decals.

26 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the

1           Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund and \$15 to  
2           the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

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

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

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

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

14          (12) The Department of Veterans' Affairs for Fold of  
15          Honor decals.

16                   (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Folds  
17          of Honor Foundation Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of  
18          State Special License Plate Fund.

19                   (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Folds of Honor  
20          Foundation Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State  
21          Special License Plate Fund.

22          (13) The Illinois chapters of the Experimental  
23          Aircraft Association for aviation enthusiast decals.

24                   (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the  
25          Experimental Aircraft Association Fund and \$15 to the  
26          Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.



1 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Experimental  
2 Aircraft Association Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of  
3 State Special License Plate Fund.

4 (14) The Illinois Department of Human Services for  
5 Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities decals.

6 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Child  
7 Abuse Council of the Quad Cities Fund and \$15 to the  
8 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

9 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Child Abuse  
10 Council of the Quad Cities Fund and \$2 to the Secretary  
11 of State Special License Plate Fund.

12 (15) The Illinois Department of Public Health for  
13 health care worker decals.

14 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the  
15 Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund, and \$15 to  
16 the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

17 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Illinois Health  
18 Care Workers Benefit Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of  
19 State Special License Plate Fund.

20 (16) The Department of Agriculture for Future Farmers  
21 of America decals.

22 (A) Original issuance: \$25; with \$10 to the Future  
23 Farmers of America Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of  
24 State Special License Plate Fund.

25 (B) Renewal: \$25; with \$23 to the Future Farmers  
26 of America Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State

1 Special License Plate Fund.

2 (17) The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs for  
3 In God We Trust decals.

4 (A) Original issuance: \$20; with \$5 to the  
5 Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund and \$15 to the  
6 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

7 (B) Renewal: \$20; with \$18 to the Illinois  
8 Veterans Assistance Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of  
9 State Special License Plate Fund.

10 (f) The following funds are created as special funds in  
11 the State treasury:

12 (1) The Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund. All money in  
13 the Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund shall be paid as grants  
14 to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to fund  
15 roadside monarch and other pollinator habitat development,  
16 enhancement, and restoration projects in this State.

17 (2) The Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund. All money in  
18 the Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund shall be paid as grants  
19 to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Chicago.

20 (3) The Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund. All money  
21 in the Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund shall be paid  
22 as grants to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois.

23 (4) The Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund.  
24 All money in the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness  
25 Fund shall be paid as grants to K9s for Veterans, NFP for  
26 support, education, and awareness of veterans with

1 post-traumatic stress disorder.

2 (5) The Guide Dogs of America Fund. All money in the  
3 Guide Dogs of America Fund shall be paid as grants to the  
4 International Guiding Eyes, Inc., doing business as Guide  
5 Dogs of America.

6 (6) The Mechanics Training Fund. All money in the  
7 Mechanics Training Fund shall be paid as grants to the  
8 Mechanics Local 701 Training Fund.

9 (7) The Theresa Tracy Trot - Illinois CancerCare  
10 Foundation Fund. All money in the Theresa Tracy Trot -  
11 Illinois CancerCare Foundation Fund shall be paid to the  
12 Illinois CancerCare Foundation for the purpose of  
13 furthering pancreatic cancer research.

14 (8) The Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund. All  
15 money in the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Fund  
16 shall be paid as grants to the Illinois Department of  
17 Human Services to fund legal aid groups to assist with  
18 guardianship fees for private citizens willing to become  
19 guardians for individuals with developmental disabilities  
20 but who are unable to pay the legal fees associated with  
21 becoming a guardian.

22 (9) The Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund. All money in  
23 the Pediatric Cancer Awareness Fund shall be paid as  
24 grants to the Cancer Center at Illinois for pediatric  
25 cancer treatment and research.

26 (10) The Folds of Honor Foundation Fund. All money in

1 the Folds of Honor Foundation Fund shall be paid as grants  
2 to the Folds of Honor Foundation to aid in providing  
3 educational scholarships to military families.

4 (11) The Experimental Aircraft Association Fund. All  
5 money in the Experimental Aircraft Association Fund shall  
6 be paid, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly  
7 and distribution by the Secretary, as grants to promote  
8 recreational aviation.

9 (12) The Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities Fund.  
10 All money in the Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities  
11 Fund shall be paid as grants to benefit the Child Abuse  
12 Council of the Quad Cities.

13 (13) The Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund.  
14 All money in the Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund  
15 shall be paid as grants to the Trinity Health Foundation  
16 for the benefit of health care workers, doctors, nurses,  
17 and others who work in the health care industry in this  
18 State.

19 (14) The Future Farmers of America Fund. All money in  
20 the Future Farmers of America Fund shall be paid as grants  
21 to the Illinois Association of Future Farmers of America.

22 (Source: P.A. 101-248, eff. 1-1-20; 101-256, eff. 1-1-20;  
23 101-276, eff. 8-9-19; 101-282, eff. 1-1-20; 101-372, eff.  
24 1-1-20; 102-383, eff. 1-1-22; 102-422, eff. 8-20-21; 102-423,  
25 eff. 8-20-21; 102-515, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21;  
26 102-809, eff. 1-1-23; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)