

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 3-699.22 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, 3-699.15, 3-699.16, 3-699.17, 3-699.19, ~~or~~ 3-699.20,
15 or 3-699.22 of this Code, the surviving spouse of that service
16 member may retain the plate so long as that spouse is a
17 resident of Illinois and transfers the registration to his or
18 her name within 180 days of the death of 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. 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 102-154, eff. 1-1-22.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.22 new)

3 Sec. 3-699.22. 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 of
8 State, may issue Air Force Combat Action Medal license plates
9 to residents of this State who have been awarded the Air Force
10 Combat Action Medal. The special Air Force Combat Action Medal
11 plate issued under this Section shall be affixed only to
12 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and
13 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
14 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
15 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established by
16 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 special plates shall be wholly within the discretion of
20 the Secretary. The Secretary may, in the Secretary's own
21 discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or
22 personalized in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code.
23 The plates are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as
24 prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412. The Secretary
25 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in the

1 Secretary's own discretion, shall approve and prescribe
2 stickers or decals as provided under 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, 3-699.15,
25 3-699.16, 3-699.17, 3-699.19, ~~or~~ 3-699.20, or 3-699.22 may

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

5 (b-10) Any ~~Beginning with the 2019 registration year, any~~
6 individual who has a special license plate issued under
7 Section 3-609, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624,
8 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651,
9 3-664, 3-666, 3-667, 3-668, 3-669, 3-676, 3-677, 3-680, 3-681,
10 3-683, 3-686, 3-688, 3-693, 3-698, 3-699.12, ~~or~~ 3-699.17, or
11 3-699.22 may reclass his or her special license plate upon
12 acquiring a new registration under Section 3-405 or 3-405.1
13 without a replacement plate or digital plate fee or
14 registration sticker or digital registration sticker cost.

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

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

1 replacement sticker fees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (Source: P.A. 101-51, eff. 7-12-19; 101-395, eff. 8-16-19;
26 102-154, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)