

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3563

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3563 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.595 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.595 new)

7 Sec. 5.595. The Early Childhood Education Trust Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
9 amending Section 3-421 and adding Sections 3-421.1 and
10 3-421.2 as follows:

11 (625 ILCS 5/3-421) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-421)

12 Sec. 3-421. Right of reassignment. (a) Except as
13 provided in Sections 3-421.1 and 3-421.2 of this Code, every
14 natural person shall have the right of reassignment of the
15 license number issued to him during the current registration
16 plate term, for the ensuing registration plate term, provided
17 his application for reassignment is received in the Office of
18 the Secretary of State on or before September 30 of the final
19 year of the registration plate term as to a vehicle
20 registered on a calendar year, and on or before March 31 as

1 to a vehicle registered on a fiscal year. The right of
2 reassignment shall apply to every natural person under the
3 staggered registration system provided the application for
4 reassignment is received in the Office of the Secretary of
5 State by the 1st day of the month immediately preceding the
6 applicant's month of expiration.

7 In addition, every natural person shall have the right of
8 reassignment of the license number issued to him for a
9 two-year registration, for the ensuing two-year period.
10 Where the two-year period is for two calendar years, the
11 application for reassignment must be received by the
12 Secretary of State on or before September 30th of the year
13 preceding commencement of the two-year period. Where the
14 two-year period is for two fiscal years commencing on July 1,
15 the application for reassignment must be received by the
16 Secretary of State on or before April 30th immediately
17 preceding commencement of the two-year period.

18 (b) Notwithstanding the above provision, the Secretary
19 of State shall, subject to the existing right of
20 reassignment, have the authority to designate new specific
21 combinations of numerical, alpha-numerical, and
22 numerical-alpha licenses for vehicles registered on a
23 calendar year or on a fiscal year, whether the license be
24 issued for one or more years. The new combinations so
25 specified shall not be subject to the right of reassignment,
26 and no right of reassignment thereto may at any future time
27 be acquired.

28 (Source: P.A. 80-230; 80-1185.)

29 (625 ILCS 5/3-421.1 new)

30 Sec. 3-421.1. Open outcry bids.

31 (a) The right of reassignment of a license plate
32 provided by Section 3-421 of this Act does not apply to the
33 natural persons holding a license plate with a number ranging

1 from 1 through 9,999 or a license plate containing only
2 single, double, or triple letters. Reassignment of those
3 license plates, except those ending in 2 zeros, for a period
4 of 10 years, beginning with registration years that begin in
5 2004, shall be made on an open bid basis.

6 (b) The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain
7 an open outcry auction system to award the plates described
8 in subsection (a) to the highest bidder. The auction system
9 shall include:

10 (1) a database for reception and recordation of
11 bids on plates;

12 (2) an internet site that will accept and track all
13 bids for specific plates;

14 (3) a telephone system that will accept and track
15 all bids for specific plates;

16 (4) a process by which bids can be placed on
17 specific plates by mail;

18 (5) safeguards to prevent public disclosure of the
19 identity of bidders;

20 (6) minimum bids;

21 (7) a closing date and time at least one month
22 prior to the end of the relevant registration period; and

23 (8) a method to award license plates when the
24 winning bidder fails to pay for his or her plate.

25 (c) Natural persons wishing to be assigned one of the
26 license plates with a number ranging from 1 through 9,999 or
27 a license plate containing only single, double, or triple
28 letters, except those ending in two zeros, for a period of 10
29 years, including the natural person to whom the license plate
30 is currently assigned, shall submit an open bid for that
31 plate to the Secretary of State via any of the methods
32 described in paragraphs (2) through (4) of subsection (b).

33 (d) When the current registration term for a particular
34 license plate expires, the Secretary of State shall examine

1 the database established by paragraph (1) of subsection (b),
2 determine the highest bid for the particular license plate,
3 and assign the license plate, for a period of 10 years, to
4 the natural person who submitted the highest bid upon receipt
5 of the amount stated in the bid.

6 (e) The fees established in Section 3-806 of this Act
7 shall be required in addition to the amount of the open bid.
8 Moneys generated by the procedure established by this
9 Section, other than those fees required by Section 3-806 of
10 this Code, shall be deposited into the Early Childhood
11 Education Trust Fund.

12 (f) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules for
13 implementing this Section, including rules for renewed
14 bidding for and reassignment of the license plates upon
15 expiration of each 10-year reassignment period. In adopting
16 the rules, the Secretary of State shall consult with the
17 License Plate Auction Advisory Board. The Secretary of State
18 shall ensure that the rulemaking process is open to the
19 public and shall actively solicit public comments regarding
20 the auction before final adoption of the rules.

21 (g) The License Plate Auction Advisory Board is
22 established. The Board shall consist of 5 members, appointed
23 by the Governor. The term of Board members shall be for 2
24 years or until the rules referred to in subsection (f) of
25 this Section and subsection (c) of Section 3-421.2 are
26 adopted, whichever occurs sooner. Two members of the Board
27 shall have a background in economics that includes at least
28 10 years of professional experience in the field and an
29 advanced degree in the subject. Three members of the Board
30 shall have a background in marketing that includes at least
31 10 years of professional experience in the field and an
32 advanced degree in the subject. The duty of the Board is to
33 provide the Secretary of State and the Department of the
34 Lottery guidance and advice on how to conduct the auction

1 authorized by this Section and the lottery authorized by
2 Section 3-421.2 in a fashion that generates significant
3 revenue without becoming unduly burdensome administratively.

4 (h) The Early Childhood Education Trust Fund is created
5 as a special fund in the State Treasury. All moneys deposited
6 into the Early Childhood Education Trust Fund shall be placed
7 into an interest-bearing account. Subject to annual
8 appropriation by the General Assembly, the moneys in the
9 Early Childhood Education Trust Fund shall be distributed on
10 an annual basis as follows: 60% to Great START (Strategy to
11 Attract and Retain Teachers) under Section 10-22 of the
12 Department of Human Services Act; 30% to the Department of
13 Human Services for grants to the Illinois Network of Child
14 Care Resource & Referral Agencies for the TEACH (Teacher
15 Education and Compensation Helps) program under Section 10-22
16 of the Department of Human Services Act; and 10% to fund the
17 Child Care Capital Investment Program under Section 10-26 of
18 the Department of Human Services Act. The amount of the
19 annual appropriation shall be at least 10% of all moneys
20 deposited into the Early Childhood Education Trust Fund, plus
21 any accrued interest. The General Assembly shall not be
22 required to appropriate the entire amount of the funds
23 deposited into the Early Childhood Education Trust Fund, plus
24 any accrued interest, in any annual appropriation.

25 (i) Moneys from the Early Childhood Education Trust Fund
26 shall not supplement any existing appropriations, including
27 regular increases to those appropriations, for the designated
28 programs.

29 (625 ILCS 5/3-421.2 new)

30 Sec. 3-421.2. Lottery.

31 (a) The right of reassignment of a license plate
32 provided by Section 3-421 of this Act does not apply to the
33 natural persons holding those license plate with numbers

1 ranging from 100 through 10,000 and ending in 2 zeros, with
2 no letters. Reassignment of those numbers for a period of 10
3 years, beginning with registration years that begin in 2004,
4 shall be on the basis of an instant lottery game conducted
5 jointly by the Secretary of State and the Department of the
6 Lottery.

7 (b) Persons assigned license plates through the instant
8 lottery game established under this Section shall pay the
9 fees required under Section 3-806 of this Code.

10 (c) The Secretary of State and the Department of the
11 Lottery shall adopt rules for implementing a new instant
12 lottery game for these plate numbers in the 2004 registration
13 year and in each 10th succeeding registration year.

14 (d) Moneys generated by the instant lottery game
15 established by this Section shall be deposited into the Early
16 Childhood Education Trust Fund.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law."