

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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, 3-609.1, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623,
6 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-647, 3-650, and 3-651 as
7 follows:

8 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)

9 Sec. 3-609. Disabled Veterans' Plates. Any disabled
10 veteran who has been or declared eligible for funds for the
11 purchase of a motor vehicle of the first division or for a
12 motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more than
13 8,000 pounds by the United States Federal Government because
14 of his disability, may make application for the registration
15 of one such vehicle, to the Secretary of State without the
16 payment of any registration fee. Registration shall be for a
17 multi-year period effective in 1980 and may be issued
18 staggered registration.

19 Any disabled veteran of World War I, of World War II, of
20 the National Emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31,
21 1955 or of the period beginning February 1, 1955 and ending
22 on the day before the first day thereafter in which
23 individuals (other than individuals liable for induction by
24 reason of prior deferment) are no longer liable for induction
25 for training and service into the armed forces under the
26 Military Selective Service Act of 1967, or of any armed
27 conflict involving the armed forces of the United States, who
28 has a service-connected disability of such a nature that it
29 would, if it had been incurred in World War II, have entitled
30 him to be awarded an automobile by the United States Federal
31 Government, or who is receiving compensation from the

1 Veterans Administration for total service-connected
2 disability, may make application to the Secretary of State
3 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first
4 division without accompanying such application with the
5 payment of any fee.

6 Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with
7 documentation for eligibility of registration without fee
8 unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability,
9 and such registration plates may not be issued to any person
10 not eligible therefor.

11 The Illinois Veterans Commission may assist in providing
12 the documentation of disability.

13 Any license plate manufactured on or after January 1,
14 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 15 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
16 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
17 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

18 (Source: P.A. 86-444; 87-895.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/3-609.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609.1)

20 Sec. 3-609.1. Congressional Medal of Honor plates. Any
21 resident of the State of Illinois who has been awarded the
22 Congressional Medal of Honor may make application for the
23 registration of a motor vehicle owned solely or in part by
24 such recipient, to the Secretary of State without the payment
25 of any registration fee. Registration shall be for a
26 multi-year period effective from issuance. The Secretary of
27 State shall furnish at his office at no cost to such
28 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, plates bearing up to
29 3 letters designating the recipient's initials followed by
30 the letters C M H signifying the Congressional Medal of
31 Honor. The plate shall be suitable for attachment to a motor
32 vehicle or motorcycle registered under this Code.

33 Any license plate manufactured on or after January 1,

1 2005 and issued under this Section must:

2 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and

3 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
4 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

5 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02.)

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-620) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-620)

7 Sec. 3-620. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
8 application made on the form prescribed by the Secretary of
9 State, may issue special registration plates to United
10 States citizens, who are present or former members of the
11 United States armed forces or any of its allies, and who were
12 prisoners of war of World War I, World War II, the Korean
13 Conflict, and the Vietnamese conflict, or to the widowed
14 spouse of a former member of the United States armed forces,
15 providing that widowed spouse was married to the POW at the
16 time of death, and is a single person at the time of
17 application. The special plates issued pursuant to this
18 Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the
19 first division subject to the staggered registration system,
20 motorcycles, and vehicles of the second division having a
21 gross weight of 8,000 pounds or less and shall be issued
22 without charge. Only one set of plates may be issued at no
23 fee.

24 The design and color of the prisoner of war plates shall
25 be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

26 Any license plate manufactured on or after January 1,
27 2005 and issued under this Section must:

28 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and

29 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
30 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

31 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02.)

32 (625 ILCS 5/3-621) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621)

1 Sec. 3-621. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
2 application, made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
3 State, may issue to members of the Illinois National Guard,
4 and to Illinois residents who are either former members of
5 the Illinois National Guard or the surviving spouses of
6 Illinois National Guard members, special registration plates.
7 The special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be
8 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
9 motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division
10 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds subject to the staggered
11 registration system.

12 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
13 within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

14 Any license plate manufactured on or after January 1,
15 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 16 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
17 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
18 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

19 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 92-699, 1-1-03; revised
20 8-23-02.)

21 (625 ILCS 5/3-622) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-622)

22 Sec. 3-622. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
23 application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
24 State, may issue to members of the United States Armed Forces
25 Reserves who reside in Illinois, and to Illinois residents
26 who are either former members of the United States Armed
27 Forces Reserves or the surviving spouses of United States
28 Armed Forces Reserve members who resided in Illinois, special
29 registration plates. The special plates issued pursuant to
30 this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of
31 the first division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the
32 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds subject
33 to the staggered registration system. The design and color

1 of such plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the
2 Secretary of State.

3 Any license plate manufactured on or after January 1,
4 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 5 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
- 6 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
7 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

8 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 92-699, eff. 1-1-03;
9 revised 8-23-02.)

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)

11 Sec. 3-623. Purple Heart Plates. The Secretary, upon
12 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the
13 Secretary of State, may issue to recipients awarded the
14 Purple Heart by a branch of the armed forces of the United
15 States who reside in Illinois, special registration plates.
16 The special plates issued pursuant to this Section should be
17 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the 1st division,
18 including motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd division
19 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

20 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
21 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
22 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
23 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application.
24 However, for an individual who has been issued Purple Heart
25 plates for a vehicle and who has claimed and received a grant
26 under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax
27 Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, the annual fee for
28 the registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in
29 Section 3-806.3 of this Code.

30 Any license plate manufactured on or after January 1,
31 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 32 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
- 33 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is

1 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

2 (Source: P.A. 91-25, eff. 6-9-99; 92-82, eff. 1-1-02; 92-699,
3 eff. 1-1-03.)

4 (625 ILCS 5/3-624) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-624)

5 Sec. 3-624. The Secretary, upon receipt of an application
6 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
7 issue to retired members of the United States Armed Forces
8 who reside in Illinois, special registration plates. The
9 special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be
10 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
11 motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division
12 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds and subject to the
13 staggered registration system. The design and color of such
14 plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary
15 of State.

16 Any license plate manufactured on or after January 1,
17 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 18 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
19 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
20 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

21 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/3-625) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-625)

23 Sec. 3-625. Pearl Harbor Plates. The Secretary, upon
24 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the
25 Secretary of State, may issue special registration plates to
26 any Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces
27 of the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl
28 Harbor on December 7, 1941, or to the widowed spouse of any
29 Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces of
30 the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl Harbor
31 on December 7, 1941, provided that the widowed spouse was
32 married to the battle of Pearl Harbor participant at the time

1 of the participant's death and is a single person at the time
 2 of application. The special plates issued pursuant to this
 3 Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the
 4 1st division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd
 5 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

6 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
 7 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
 8 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
 9 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application.

10 Any license plate manufactured on or after January 1,
 11 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 12 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
- 13 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
 14 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

15 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 92-699, eff. 1-1-03;
 16 revised 8-23-02.)

17 (625 ILCS 5/3-626)

18 Sec. 3-626. Korean War Veteran license plates.

19 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
 20 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
 21 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
 22 State, may issue special registration plates designated as
 23 Korean War Veteran license plates to residents of Illinois
 24 who participated in the United States Armed Forces during the
 25 Korean War. The special plate issued under this Section
 26 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first
 27 division, motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division
 28 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational
 29 vehicles as defined by Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates
 30 issued under this Section shall expire according to the
 31 staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1
 32 of this Code.

33 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be

1 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
2 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
3 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
4 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
5 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
6 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
7 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
8 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
9 under Section 3-412.

10 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
11 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of
12 this additional fee, \$13 shall be deposited into the
13 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$2 shall be
14 deposited into the Korean War Memorial Construction Fund.

15 (d) The Korean War Memorial Construction Fund is created
16 as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the
17 Korean War Memorial Construction Fund shall, subject to
18 appropriation, be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs
19 to provide grants for construction of the Korean War Memorial
20 to be located at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois.
21 Upon the completion of the Memorial, the Department of
22 Veteran Affairs shall certify to the State Treasurer that the
23 construction of the Memorial has been completed. Upon the
24 certification by the Department of Veteran Affairs, the State
25 Treasurer shall transfer all moneys in the Fund and any
26 future deposits into the Fund into the Secretary of State
27 Special License Plate Fund.

28 (e) An individual who has been issued Korean War Veteran
29 license plates for a vehicle and who has claimed and received
30 a grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons
31 Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act shall
32 pay the original issuance and the regular annual fee for the
33 registration of the vehicle as provided in Section 3-806.3 of
34 this Code in addition to the fees specified in subsection (c)

1 of this Section.

2 (f) Any license plate manufactured on or after January
3 1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 4 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
- 5 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
6 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

7 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 93-140, eff. 1-1-04.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/3-628)

9 Sec. 3-628. Bronze Star plates.

10 (a) Beginning January 1, 1996, in addition to any other
11 special license plate, the Secretary, upon receipt of all
12 applicable fees and applications made in the form prescribed
13 by the Secretary of State, may issue special registration
14 plates to residents of Illinois who have been awarded the
15 Bronze Star by the United States Armed Forces. The special
16 plate issued under this Section shall be affixed only to
17 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, or
18 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
19 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
20 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established
21 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

22 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
23 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
24 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
25 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
26 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
27 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
28 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
29 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
30 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
31 under Section 3-412.

32 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
33 issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee.

1 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary
2 of State Special License Plate Fund.

3 (d) Any license plate manufactured on or after January
4 1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

5 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and

6 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
7 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

8 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 93-140, eff. 1-1-04.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/3-638)

10 Sec. 3-638. U.S. Veteran License Plates.

11 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
12 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
13 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
14 State, may issue U.S. Veteran license plates to residents of
15 Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the
16 Secretary of State. The special U.S. Veteran plate issued
17 under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger
18 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor
19 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000
20 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
21 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established
22 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

23 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
24 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
25 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
26 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
27 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
28 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
29 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
30 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
31 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
32 under Section 3-412.

33 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original

1 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.
2 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of
3 State Special License Plate Fund.

4 (d) Any license plate manufactured on or after January
5 1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 6 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
- 7 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
8 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

9 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 93-140, eff. 1-1-04.)

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-647)

11 Sec. 3-647. World War II Veteran License Plates.

12 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
13 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
14 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
15 State, may issue World War II Veteran license plates to
16 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements
17 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special World War
18 II Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be affixed
19 only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
20 motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division
21 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this
22 Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year
23 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

24 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
25 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
26 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to
27 be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with
28 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
29 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)
30 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe
31 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,
32 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
33 under Section 3-412.

1 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
2 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.
3 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of
4 State Special License Plate Fund.

5 (d) Any license plate manufactured on or after January
6 1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

7 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and

8 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
9 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 93-140, eff. 1-1-04.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/3-650)

12 Sec. 3-650. Army Combat Veteran license plates.

13 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
14 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
15 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
16 State, may issue Army Combat Veteran license plates to
17 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements
18 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special Army
19 Combat Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be
20 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
21 motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division
22 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under
23 this Section shall expire according to the staggered
24 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this
25 Code.

26 (b) The plates shall display the Army Combat Infantry
27 Badge. In all other respects, the design, color, and format
28 of the plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary
29 of State. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow
30 the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in
31 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are
32 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in
33 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary

1 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or
2 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or
3 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

4 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
5 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.
6 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of
7 State Special License Plate Fund.

8 (d) Any license plate manufactured on or after January
9 1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

10 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and

11 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
12 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

13 (Source: P.A. 92-79, eff. 1-1-02; 92-545, eff. 6-12-02;
14 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 92-699, eff. 1-1-03; 93-140, eff.
15 1-1-04.)

16 (625 ILCS 5/3-651)

17 Sec. 3-651. U.S. Marine Corps license plates.

18 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
19 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
20 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
21 State, may issue special registration plates designated as
22 U.S. Marine Corps license plates to residents of Illinois who
23 meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of
24 State. The special plate issued under this Section shall be
25 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
26 motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division weighing
27 not more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as
28 defined by Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under
29 this Section shall expire according to the staggered
30 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this
31 Code.

32 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
33 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State,

1 except that the U.S. Marine Corps emblem shall appear on the
2 plates. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow
3 the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in
4 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are
5 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in
6 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary
7 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or
8 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or
9 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

10 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$20 fee for original
11 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of
12 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the
13 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$5 shall be
14 deposited into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. For each
15 registration renewal period, a \$20 fee, in addition to the
16 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this
17 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of
18 State Special License Plate Fund and \$18 shall be deposited
19 into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

20 (d) The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund is created as a
21 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Marine
22 Corps Scholarship Fund shall, subject to appropriation by the
23 General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, be used by
24 the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a recognized
25 charitable organization that meets the requirements of Title
26 26, Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code, to provide
27 grants for scholarships for higher education. The
28 scholarship recipients must be the children of current or
29 former members of the United States Marine Corps who meet the
30 academic, financial, and other requirements established by
31 the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. In addition, the
32 recipients must be Illinois residents and must attend a
33 college or university located within the State of Illinois.

34 The State Treasurer shall require the Marine Corps

1 Scholarship Foundation to establish a separate account for
2 receipt of the proceeds of the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.
3 That account shall be subject to audit either annually or at
4 another interval, as determined by the State Treasurer.
5 Proceeds from the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund shall be
6 transferred on a quarterly basis by the State Treasurer's
7 office to this separate account.

8 (e) Any license plate manufactured on or after January
9 1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

- 10 (1) be manufactured in the United States; and
11 (2) if a suitable manufacturing facility is
12 available in this State, be manufactured in this State.

13 (Source: P.A. 92-467, eff. 1-1-02; 92-545, eff. 6-12-02;
14 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 92-699, eff. 1-1-03.)