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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

- 625 ILCS 5/3-609 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609
- 625 ILCS 5/3-609.1 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609.1
- 625 ILCS 5/3-620 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-620
- 625 ILCS 5/3-621 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621
- 625 ILCS 5/3-622 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-622
- 625 ILCS 5/3-623 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623
- 625 ILCS 5/3-624 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-624
- 625 ILCS 5/3-625 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-625
- 625 ILCS 5/3-626
- 625 ILCS 5/3-628
- 625 ILCS 5/3-638
- 625 ILCS 5/3-647
- 625 ILCS 5/3-650
- 625 ILCS 5/3-651

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that all special plates that may be issued only to veterans manufactured after January 1, 2005 must be manufactured in the United States and, if a suitable manufacturing facility is available in this State, must be manufactured in this State.

Fiscal Note Act  
may be applicable

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A BILL FOR

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, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647,  
7 3-650, 3-651, and 3-806.4 as 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 5/3-642)

11 Sec. 3-642. Silver Star plates.

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

23 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
24 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary  
25 may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued  
26 as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with Section  
27 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 appropriate registration fee.

2 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary  
3 of 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 5/3-645)

11 Sec. 3-645. Vietnam 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 Vietnam Veteran license plates to residents  
16 of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by  
17 the Secretary of State. The special Vietnam Veteran plate  
18 issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger  
19 vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor  
20 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000  
21 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire  
22 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established  
23 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 5/3-647)

12 Sec. 3-647. World War II 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 World War II Veteran license plates to  
17 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements  
18 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special World War  
19 II Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be affixed  
20 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 this  
23 Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year  
24 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

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

1 under Section 3-412.

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

6 (d) Any license plate manufactured on or after January  
7 1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

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

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

12 (625 ILCS 5/3-650)

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

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

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

1 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary  
2 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or  
3 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or  
4 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

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

9 (d) Any license plate manufactured on or after January  
10 1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

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

14 (Source: P.A. 92-79, eff. 1-1-02; 92-545, eff. 6-12-02;  
15 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 92-699, eff. 1-1-03; 93-140, eff.  
16 1-1-04.)

17 (625 ILCS 5/3-651)

18 Sec. 3-651. U.S. Marine Corps 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 U.S. Marine Corps license plates to residents of Illinois who  
24 meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of  
25 State. The special plate issued under this Section shall be  
26 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
27 motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division weighing  
28 not more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as  
29 defined by Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under  
30 this Section shall expire according to the staggered  
31 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this  
32 Code.

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



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

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

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

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

9           (e) Any license plate manufactured on or after January  
10          1, 2005 and issued under this Section must:

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

14          (Source: P.A. 92-467, eff. 1-1-02; 92-545, eff. 6-12-02;  
15          92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 92-699, eff. 1-1-03.)

16           (625 ILCS 5/3-806.4) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.4)  
17           Sec. 3-806.4. Gold Star recipients. Commencing with the  
18           1991 registration year, upon proper application, the  
19           Secretary of State shall issue one pair of registration  
20           plates to any Illinois resident, who as the surviving widow  
21           or widower, or in the absence thereof, as the surviving  
22           parent, is awarded the Gold Star by the United States in  
23           recognition of spouses or children who served in the Armed  
24           Forces of the United States and lost their lives while in  
25           service whether in peacetime or war. If the parent no longer  
26           survives, the Secretary of State shall issue the plates to a  
27           surviving sibling, of the person who served in the Armed  
28           Forces, who is an Illinois resident. No more than one set of  
29           plates shall be issued for each Gold Star awarded, and only  
30           one surviving parent, or in the absence of a surviving  
31           parent, only one surviving sibling shall be issued a set of  
32           registration plates, except for those surviving parents who,  
33           as recipients of the Gold Star, have legally separated or

1 divorced, in which case each surviving parent shall be  
2 allowed one set of registration plates. Registration plates  
3 issued under this Section shall be for first division  
4 vehicles and second division vehicles of 8,000 pounds or  
5 less. An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for the  
6 original issuance in addition to the appropriate registration  
7 fee which shall be deposited into the Road Fund to help  
8 defray the administrative processing costs.

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

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

14 (Source: P.A. 93-140, eff. 1-1-04.)