

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 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 Universal Charitable Organization Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
9 changing Section 3-633 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-633)

11 Sec. 3-633. Universal Charitable Organization license  
12 plate.

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 Universal Charitable Organization license  
17 plates to residents of Illinois on behalf of organizations  
18 that meet the requirements of Title 26, Section 501(c)(3) of  
19 the United States Code formed for any bona fide charitable,  
20 benevolent, philanthropic, or patriotic purpose. The  
21 Secretary of State may prescribe rules establishing  
22 additional eligibility criteria for charitable organizations  
23 under this Section. The special Universal Charitable  
24 Organization plate issued under this Section shall be affixed  
25 only to passenger vehicles of the first division and motor  
26 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000  
27 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire  
28 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established  
29 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

1 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
2 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
3 plates are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as  
4 prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code.  
5 Charitable organizations deemed eligible by the Secretary of  
6 State shall design charitable decals to be affixed on plates  
7 issued under this Section. The Secretary may prescribe rules  
8 governing the requirements and approval of charitable decals.

9 (c) (Blank). ~~An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for~~  
10 ~~original issuance in addition to the applicable registration~~  
11 ~~fee. This additional fee shall be deposited into the~~  
12 ~~Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. For each~~  
13 ~~registration renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the~~  
14 ~~appropriate registration fee, shall be charged and shall be~~  
15 ~~deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate~~  
16 ~~Fund. Charitable organizations may establish a fee for the~~  
17 ~~purchase of their charitable decal and shall report by July~~  
18 ~~31 of each year to the Secretary of State Vehicle Services~~  
19 ~~Department the sticker fee, the number of charitable decals~~  
20 ~~sold, the total revenue received from the sale of charitable~~  
21 ~~decals during the previous fiscal year, and any other~~  
22 ~~information deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.~~

23 (d) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged  
24 a \$25 fee for original issuance in addition to the  
25 appropriate registration fee. Of this fee, \$10 shall be  
26 deposited into the Universal Charitable Organization Fund and  
27 \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special  
28 License Plate Fund, to be used by the Secretary to help  
29 defray the administrative processing costs. For each  
30 registration renewal period, a \$25 fee, in addition to the  
31 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this fee,  
32 \$23 shall be deposited into the Universal Charitable  
33 Organization Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the  
34 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

1       (e) The Universal Charitable Organization Fund is  
2       created as a special fund in the State treasury. The State  
3       Treasurer shall create separate accounts within the Universal  
4       Charitable Organization Fund for each charitable organization  
5       for which the Secretary has designed and issued decals.  
6       Moneys in the Universal Charitable Organization Fund shall be  
7       allocated to each account in proportion to the number of  
8       decals sold for each charitable organization. All moneys in  
9       each separate account within the Universal Charitable  
10       Organization Fund shall be distributed, subject to  
11       appropriation by the General Assembly and approval by the  
12       Secretary, as grants to that charitable organization.

13       (Source: P.A. 89-564, eff. 7-1-97; 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)