



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

625 ILCS 5/3-623	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623
625 ILCS 5/3-626	
625 ILCS 5/3-806.3	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2006 registration year, a person who has been approved for benefits (rather than a person who has claimed and received a grant) under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, or the spouse of one of those persons, shall pay \$24, rather than the usual fee, for a vehicle displaying specified registration plates. Makes corresponding changes in provisions regarding Purple Heart and Korean War Veteran plates. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning 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 changing  
5 Sections 3-623, 3-626, and 3-806.3 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)

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

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

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

28 (625 ILCS 5/3-626)

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

30 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
31 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications

1 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may  
2 issue special registration plates designated as Korean War  
3 Veteran license plates to residents of Illinois who  
4 participated in the United States Armed Forces during the  
5 Korean War. The special plate issued under this Section shall  
6 be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,  
7 motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division weighing not  
8 more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by  
9 Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section  
10 shall expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure  
11 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

12 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be  
13 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
14 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be  
15 issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with  
16 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
17 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of  
18 Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the  
19 eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall  
20 approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under  
21 Section 3-412.

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

27 (d) The Korean War Memorial Construction Fund is created as  
28 a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Korean  
29 War Memorial Construction Fund shall, subject to  
30 appropriation, be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to  
31 provide grants for construction of the Korean War Memorial to  
32 be located at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. Upon  
33 the completion of the Memorial, the Department of Veteran  
34 Affairs shall certify to the State Treasurer that the  
35 construction of the Memorial has been completed. Upon the  
36 certification by the Department of Veteran Affairs, the State

1 Treasurer shall transfer all moneys in the Fund and any future  
2 deposits into the Fund into the Secretary of State Special  
3 License Plate Fund.

4 (e) An individual who has been issued Korean War Veteran  
5 license plates for a vehicle and who has been approved for  
6 benefits ~~claimed and received a grant~~ under the Senior Citizens  
7 and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical  
8 Assistance Act shall pay the original issuance and the regular  
9 annual fee for the registration of the vehicle as provided in  
10 Section 3-806.3 of this Code in addition to the fees specified  
11 in subsection (c) of this Section.

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

13 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3)

14 Sec. 3-806.3. Senior Citizens.

15 ~~Commencing with the 2001 registration year and extending~~  
16 ~~through the 2003 registration year, the registration fee paid~~  
17 ~~by any vehicle owner who has claimed and received a grant under~~  
18 ~~the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief~~  
19 ~~and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act or who is the spouse of such~~  
20 ~~a person shall be \$24 instead of the fee otherwise provided in~~  
21 ~~this Code for passenger cars displaying standard multi-year~~  
22 ~~registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1, motor~~  
23 ~~vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under~~  
24 ~~Section 3-616, motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or~~  
25 ~~less under Section 3-815(a) and recreational vehicles~~  
26 ~~registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b).~~  
27 ~~Widows and widowers of claimants shall also be entitled to this~~  
28 ~~reduced registration fee for the registration year in which the~~  
29 ~~claimant was eligible.~~

30 Commencing with the 2004 registration year and extending  
31 through the 2005 registration year, the registration fee paid  
32 by any vehicle owner who has claimed and received a grant under  
33 the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief  
34 and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act or who is the spouse of such  
35 a person shall be \$24 instead of the fee otherwise provided in

1 this Code for passenger cars displaying standard multi-year  
2 registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1, motor  
3 vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under  
4 Section 3-616, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628,  
5 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, or 3-651, motor vehicles  
6 registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), and  
7 recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under  
8 Section 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of claimants shall also  
9 be entitled to this reduced registration fee for the  
10 registration year in which the claimant was eligible.

11 Commencing with the 2006 registration year, the  
12 registration fee paid by any vehicle owner who has been  
13 approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled  
14 Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act  
15 or who is the spouse of such a person shall be \$24 instead of  
16 the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars  
17 displaying standard multi-year registration plates issued  
18 under Section 3-414.1, motor vehicles displaying special  
19 registration plates issued under Section 3-616, 3-621, 3-622,  
20 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647,  
21 3-650, or 3-651, motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or  
22 less under Section 3-815(a), and recreational vehicles  
23 registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b).  
24 Widows and widowers of claimants shall also be entitled to this  
25 reduced registration fee for the registration year in which the  
26 claimant was eligible.

27 No more than one reduced registration fee under this  
28 Section shall be allowed during any 12 month period based on  
29 the primary eligibility of any individual, whether such reduced  
30 registration fee is allowed to the individual or to the spouse,  
31 widow or widower of such individual. This Section does not  
32 apply to the fee paid in addition to the registration fee for  
33 motor vehicles displaying vanity or special license plates.

34 (Source: P.A. 91-37, eff. 7-1-99; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 92-699,  
35 eff. 1-1-03.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.