

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 3-412 and 12-503 and adding Section 3-663 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

7 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates and registration stickers
8 to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

9 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle
10 subject to annual registration for the first time shall issue
11 or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration plate
12 for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, motorized pedalcycle
13 or truck-tractor, 2 registration plates for other motor
14 vehicles and, where applicable, current registration stickers
15 for motor vehicles of the first division. The provisions of
16 this Section may be made applicable to such vehicles of the
17 second division, as the Secretary of State may, from time to
18 time, in his discretion designate. On subsequent annual
19 registrations during the term of the registration plate as
20 provided in Section 3-414.1, the Secretary shall issue or cause
21 to be issued registration stickers as evidence of current
22 registration. However, the issuance of annual registration
23 stickers to vehicles registered under the provisions of
24 Sections 3-402.1 and 3-405.3 of this Code may not be required
25 if the Secretary deems the issuance unnecessary.

26 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it
27 the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is
28 issued, the name of this State, which may be abbreviated, the
29 year number for which it was issued, which may be abbreviated,
30 the phrase "Land of Lincoln" (except as otherwise provided in
31 this Code ~~Chapter 3~~), and such other letters or numbers as the
32 Secretary may prescribe. However, for apportionment plates

1 issued to vehicles registered under Section 3-402.1 and fleet
2 plates issued to vehicles registered under Section 3-405.3, the
3 phrase "Land of Lincoln" may be omitted to allow for the word
4 "apportioned", the word "fleet", or other similar language to
5 be displayed. Registration plates issued to a vehicle
6 registered as a fleet vehicle may display a designation
7 determined by the Secretary.

8 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that letters
9 be used as prefixes only on registration plates issued to
10 vehicles of the first division which are registered under this
11 Code and only as suffixes on registration plates issued to
12 other vehicles. Every registration sticker issued as evidence
13 of current registration shall designate the year number for
14 which it is issued and such other letters or numbers as the
15 Secretary may prescribe and shall be of a contrasting color
16 with the registration plates and registration stickers of the
17 previous year.

18 (c) Each registration plate and the required letters and
19 numerals thereon, except the year number for which issued,
20 shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a
21 distance of 100 feet during daylight, and shall be coated with
22 reflectorizing material. The dimensions of the plate issued to
23 vehicles of the first division shall be 6 by 12 inches.

24 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
25 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
26 registration plates as the type of plates issued for a private
27 passenger vehicle.

28 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
29 car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive registration
30 plates.

31 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every motorcycle
32 distinctive registration plates distinguishing between
33 motorcycles having 150 or more cubic centimeters piston
34 displacement, or having less than 150 cubic centimeter piston
35 displacement.

36 (g) Registration plates issued to vehicles for-hire may

1 display a designation as determined by the Secretary that such
2 vehicles are for-hire.

3 (h) The Secretary of State shall issue for each electric
4 vehicle distinctive registration plates which shall
5 distinguish between electric vehicles having a maximum
6 operating speed of 45 miles per hour or more and those having a
7 maximum operating speed of less than 45 miles per hour.

8 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
9 private ambulance registration plates identifying the vehicle
10 as an ambulance. The Secretary shall forward to the Department
11 of Public Aid registration information for the purpose of
12 verification of claims filed with the Department by ambulance
13 owners for payment for services to public assistance
14 recipients.

15 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
16 private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery registration
17 plates displaying numbers within ranges of numbers reserved
18 respectively for medical carriers and rescue vehicles. The
19 Secretary shall forward to the Department of Public Aid
20 registration information for the purpose of verification of
21 claims filed with the Department by owners of medical carriers
22 or rescue vehicles for payment for services to public
23 assistance recipients.

24 (k) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive license
25 plates for every vehicle exempted from subsection (a) of
26 Section 12-503 by subsection (g-5) of that Section.

27 (Source: P.A. 92-629, eff. 7-1-03; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02;
28 revised 9-27-03.)

29 (625 ILCS 5/3-663 new)

30 Sec. 3-663. Medically Required Tinted Window plates. The
31 Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in the form
32 prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special registration
33 plates designated as Medically Required Tinted Window license
34 plates. The special plates issued under this Section shall be
35 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division and

1 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
2 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
3 according to the multi-year procedure established by Section
4 3-414.1 of this Code. The design and color of the plates shall
5 be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-503) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-503)

7 Sec. 12-503. Windshields must be unobstructed and equipped
8 with wipers.

9 (a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle with any sign,
10 poster, window application, reflective material, nonreflective
11 material or tinted film upon the front windshield, sidewings or
12 side windows immediately adjacent to each side of the driver. A
13 nonreflective tinted film may be used along the uppermost
14 portion of the windshield if such material does not extend more
15 than 6 inches down from the top of the windshield. Nothing in
16 this Section shall create a cause of action on behalf of a
17 buyer against a dealer or manufacturer who sells a motor
18 vehicle with a window which is in violation of this Section.

19 (b) Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit the
20 use of nonreflective, smoked or tinted glass, nonreflective
21 film, perforated window screen or other decorative window
22 application on windows to the rear of the driver's seat, except
23 that any motor vehicle with a window to the rear of the
24 driver's seat treated in this manner shall be equipped with a
25 side mirror on each side of the motor vehicle which are in
26 conformance with Section 12-502.

27 (c) No person shall drive a motor vehicle with any objects
28 placed or suspended between the driver and the front
29 windshield, rear window, side wings or side windows immediately
30 adjacent to each side of the driver which materially obstructs
31 the driver's view.

32 (d) Every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, shall be
33 equipped with a device, controlled by the driver, for cleaning
34 rain, snow, moisture or other obstructions from the windshield;
35 and no person shall drive a motor vehicle with snow, ice,

1 moisture or other material on any of the windows or mirrors,
2 which materially obstructs the driver's clear view of the
3 highway.

4 (e) No person shall drive a motor vehicle when the
5 windshield, side or rear windows are in such defective
6 condition or repair as to materially impair the driver's view
7 to the front, side or rear. A vehicle equipped with a side
8 mirror on each side of the vehicle which are in conformance
9 with Section 12-502 will be deemed to be in compliance in the
10 event the rear window of the vehicle is materially obscured.

11 (f) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section shall not apply
12 to:

13 (1) motor vehicles manufactured prior to January 1,
14 1982; or

15 (2) to those motor vehicles properly registered in
16 another jurisdiction.

17 (g) Paragraph (a) of this Section shall not apply to any
18 motor vehicle with a window treatment, including but not
19 limited to a window application, reflective material,
20 nonreflective material, or tinted film, applied or affixed to
21 the motor vehicle for the purposes set forth in item (1) or (2)
22 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 and:

23 (1) that is owned and operated by a person afflicted
24 with or suffering from a medical illness, ailment, or
25 disease which would require that person to be shielded from
26 the direct rays of the sun; or

27 (2) that is used in transporting a person when the
28 person resides at the same address as the registered owner
29 of the vehicle and the person is afflicted with or
30 suffering from a medical illness, ailment or disease which
31 would require the person to be shielded from the direct
32 rays of the sun;

33 It must be certified by a physician licensed to
34 practice medicine in Illinois that such person owning and
35 operating or being transported in a motor vehicle is
36 afflicted with or suffers from such illness, ailment, or

1 disease and such certification must be carried in the motor
2 vehicle at all times. The certification shall be legible
3 and shall contain the date of issuance, the name, address
4 and signature of the attending physician, and the name,
5 address, and medical condition of the person requiring
6 exemption. The information on the certificate for a window
7 treatment applied or affixed before the effective date of
8 this amendatory Act of 1997 must remain current and shall
9 be renewed annually by the attending physician, but in no
10 event shall a certificate issued for purposes of this
11 subsection be valid on or after January 1, 2008. The person
12 shall also submit a copy of the certification to the
13 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may forward
14 notice of certification to law enforcement agencies.

15 This subsection shall not be construed to authorize window
16 treatments applied or affixed on or after the effective date of
17 this amendatory Act of 1997.

18 The exemption provided by this subsection (g) shall not
19 apply to any motor vehicle on and after January 1, 2008.

20 This subsection (g) does not apply to the exemption set
21 forth in subsection (g-5).

22 (g-5) Paragraph (a) of this Section does not apply to any
23 motor vehicle with a window treatment, including but not
24 limited to a window application, reflective material,
25 nonreflective material, or tinted film, applied or affixed to a
26 motor vehicle that:

27 (i) is owned and operated by a person afflicted with or
28 suffering from systemic or discoid lupus erythematosus; or

29 (ii) is used in transporting a person who resides at
30 the same address as the registered owner and is afflicted
31 with or suffers from systemic or discoid lupus
32 erythematosus.

33 It must be certified by a physician licensed to practice
34 medicine in Illinois that the person owning and operating or
35 being transported in a motor vehicle is afflicted with or
36 suffers from systemic or discoid lupus erythematosus and the

1 certification must be carried in the motor vehicle at all
2 times. The certification shall be legible and shall contain the
3 date of issuance, the name, address, and signature of the
4 attending physician, and the name, address, and medical
5 condition of the person requiring exemption. The information on
6 the certificate for a window treatment must remain current and
7 shall be renewed annually by the attending physician. The owner
8 of the vehicle shall also submit a copy of the certification to
9 the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may forward
10 notice of certification to law enforcement agencies.

11 (h) Paragraph (a) of this Section shall not apply to motor
12 vehicle stickers or other certificates issued by State or local
13 authorities which are required to be displayed upon motor
14 vehicle windows to evidence compliance with requirements
15 concerning motor vehicles.

16 (i) Those motor vehicles exempted under paragraph (f)(1) of
17 this Section shall not cause their windows to be treated as
18 described in paragraph (a) after January 1, 1993.

19 (j) A person found guilty of violating paragraphs (a), (b),
20 or (i) of this Section shall be guilty of a petty offense and
21 fined no less than \$50 nor more than \$500. A second or
22 subsequent violation of paragraphs (a), (b), or (i) of this
23 Section shall be treated as a Class C misdemeanor and the
24 violator fined no less than \$100 nor more than \$500. Any person
25 convicted under paragraphs (a), (b), or (i) of this Section
26 shall be ordered to alter any nonconforming windows into
27 compliance with this Section.

28 (Source: P.A. 90-389, eff. 1-1-98.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
30 becoming law.