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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3125

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3125 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding  
5 Section 3-600.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-600.1 new)

7 Sec. 3-600.1. The Citizens' Special License Plate  
8 Commission.

9 (a) The General Assembly finds that any special or  
10 temporary motor vehicle license plate, logo, or motto is a  
11 reflection of the official views of the people of the State of  
12 Illinois. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the  
13 selection and approval of special motor vehicle license plates,  
14 logos, and mottos must be separated from politics to the  
15 maximum extent practicable.

16 (b) There is created a Citizens' Nonpartisan Special  
17 Vehicle License Plates Commission consisting of 6 members  
18 appointed as follows: 3 members appointed by the Secretary of  
19 State from members of his or her own political party, and 3  
20 members appointed by the Secretary of State from members of the  
21 political party whose candidate received the second largest  
22 number of votes at the immediately preceding election for  
23 Secretary of State.

24 (c) The Commission shall elect its own chairman. The

1 chairman of the Commission shall have the right to ask for  
2 staff support from the Office of the Secretary of State as  
3 necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its official  
4 duties. The Commission shall not be empowered to appoint an  
5 executive director or to hire any independent staff of its own.  
6 The Commission shall meet at the call of the chair, but in no  
7 case less than once every calendar quarter. Commission members  
8 shall receive no pay but their legitimate expenses.

9 (d) The Commission at its meetings shall take up as part of  
10 its agenda recommendations on all special and temporary license  
11 plate applications received by the Secretary of State in a  
12 timely manner. The Commission shall vote on each application  
13 separately, and 4 votes, or a two-thirds majority of the full  
14 Commission, shall be required for the Commission to make a  
15 formal recommendation to the Secretary of State to approve or  
16 disapprove an application for the issuance of special license  
17 plates.

18 (e) The initial appointment of members of the Commission  
19 shall be for staggered terms, with one member of the  
20 Secretary's party and one member of the party whose candidate  
21 for Secretary of State received the second largest number of  
22 votes at the immediately preceding election for Secretary of  
23 State each being appointed to 2-year terms, one member of each  
24 of the 2 parties being appointed to 3-year terms, and one  
25 member of each of the 2 parties being appointed to 4-year  
26 terms. All subsequent terms shall be 4 years in length. The  
27 Secretary of State shall have the power to fill all vacant  
28 terms and shall fill any vacancies as soon as possible.

29 (f) The Commission shall be an advisory panel and its  
30 operations shall not interfere with the ultimate authority of  
31 the Secretary of State to make decisions regarding special  
32 plates."