AN ACT concerning vehicles.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 3-638, 3-806 and 3-806.4 as follows:
(625 ILCS 5/3-638)
Sec. 3-638. U.S. Veteran License Plates.
(a) In addition to any other special license plate, the Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue U.S. Veteran license plates to residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State. Upon the Secretary's receipt of the proper application, the surviving spouse of a person who was issued special registration plates under this section may keep the special registration plates and may transfer the registration, if necessary. If the surviving spouse remarries, however, the special plates may not be renewed. The special U.S. Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, and motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.
(b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the secretary of state. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this code. The plates are not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall
approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.
(c) An applicant shall be charged a $\$ 15$ fee for original issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

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(Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 93-140, eff. 1-1-04.)
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(625 ILCS 5/3-806) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806)
Sec. 3-806. Registration Fees; Motor Vehicles of the First Division. Every owner of any other motor vehicle of the first division, except as provided in Sections 3-804, 3-805, 3-806.3, 3-806.4, and 3-808, and every second division vehicle weighing 8,000 pounds or less, shall pay the Secretary of State an annual registration fee at the following rates:

SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION FEES
REQUIRED BY LAW
Beginning with the 1986 registration year
Reduced Fee
Annual On and After

Fee
June 15
Motor vehicles of the first
division other than
Motorcycles, Motor Driven
Cycles and Pedalcycles \$48
\$24
Reduced Fee
September 16
to March 31
Motorcycles, Motor Driven
Cycles and Pedalcycles
30
15
SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION FEES

REQUIRED BY LAW
Beginning with the 2001 registration year
Reduced Fee

Annual
On and After

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Motor vehicles of the first
division other than
Motorcycles, Motor Driven
Cycles and Pedalcycles
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Motorcycles, Motor Driven
Cycles and Pedalcycles
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(Source: P.A. 91-37, eff. 7-1-99.)
(625 ILCS 5/3-806.4) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.4)
Sec. 3-806.4. Gold Star recipients. Commencing with the 1991 registration year and through the 2006 registration year, upon proper application, the Secretary of State shall issue one pair of registration plates to any Illinois resident, who as the surviving widow or widower, or in the absence thereof, as the surviving parent, is awarded the Gold Star by the United States in recognition of spouses or children who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and lost their lives while in service whether in peacetime or war. Commencing with the 2007 registration year, upon proper application, the Secretary of State shall issue one pair of registration plates to any Illinois resident, who as the surviving widow, widower, or parent, is awarded the Gold Star by the United States in recognition of spouses or children who served in the Armed Forces of the United states and lost their lives while in service whether in peacetime or war. If the parent no longer survives, the Secretary of state shall issue the plates to a surviving sibling, of the person who served in the Armed Forces, who is an Illinois resident. No more than one set of plates shall be issued for each Gold star awarded, and only one surviving parent, or in the absence of a surviving parent, only one surviving sibling shall be issued a set of registration plates, except for those surviving parents who, as recipients
of the Gold Star, have legally separated or divorced, in which case each surviving parent shall be allowed one set of registration plates. Registration plates issued under this Section shall be for first division vehicles and second division vehicles of 8,000 pounds or less. Through the 2006 registration year, an applicant shall be charged a $\$ 15$ fee for the original issuance in addition to the appropriate registration fee which shall be deposited into the Road Fund to help defray the administrative processing costs. Beginning with the 2007 registration year, an applicant shall not be charged any only the appropriate registration fee or fee for issuance of the plates.
(Source: P.A. 93-140, eff. 1-1-04; 94-311, eff. 1-1-06; 94-343, eff. 1-1-06; revised 8-19-05.)

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

