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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-609	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609
625 ILCS 5/3-620	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-620
625 ILCS 5/3-621	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621
625 ILCS 5/3-622	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-622
625 ILCS 5/3-623	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623
625 ILCS 5/3-624	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-624
625 ILCS 5/3-625	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-625
625 ILCS 5/3-806.1	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.1
625 ILCS 5/3-806.4	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.4
625 ILCS 5/3-806.5	

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that certain special plates that may be issued only to military veterans or members of the United States Armed Forces may be issued as vanity or personalized plates. Provides that the special plates issued to Gold Star recipients also may be issued as vanity or personalized plates. Provides that these military and Gold Star special plates, as well as the military plates that currently are allowed to be issued as vanity or personalized plates, shall be issued as vanity or personalized plates for no additional charge.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 3-609, 3-620, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625,
6 3-806.1, 3-806.4, and 3-806.5 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)

8 Sec. 3-609. Disabled Veterans' Plates. Any disabled
9 veteran who has been or declared eligible for funds for the
10 purchase of a motor vehicle of the first division or for a
11 motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more than
12 8,000 pounds by the United States Federal Government because of
13 his disability, may make application for the registration of
14 one such vehicle, to the Secretary of State without the payment
15 of any registration fee. The Secretary may, in his or her
16 discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
17 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
18 Code. Registration shall be for a multi-year period effective
19 in 1980 and may be issued staggered registration.

20 Any disabled veteran of World War I, of World War II, of
21 the National Emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31,
22 1955 or of the period beginning February 1, 1955 and ending on
23 the day before the first day thereafter in which individuals

1 (other than individuals liable for induction by reason of prior
2 deferment) are no longer liable for induction for training and
3 service into the armed forces under the Military Selective
4 Service Act of 1967, or of any armed conflict involving the
5 armed forces of the United States, who has a service-connected
6 disability of such a nature that it would, if it had been
7 incurred in World War II, have entitled him to be awarded an
8 automobile by the United States Federal Government, or who is
9 receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for
10 total service-connected disability, may make application to
11 the Secretary of State for the registration of one motor
12 vehicle of the first division without accompanying such
13 application with the payment of any fee.

14 Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with
15 documentation for eligibility of registration without fee
16 unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability, and
17 such registration plates may not be issued to any person not
18 eligible therefor.

19 The Illinois Veterans Commission may assist in providing
20 the documentation of disability.

21 (Source: P.A. 86-444; 87-895.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/3-620) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-620)

23 Sec. 3-620. The Secretary, upon receipt of an application
24 made on the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
25 issue special registration plates to United States citizens,

1 who are present or former members of the United States armed
2 forces or any of its allies, and who were prisoners of war of
3 World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the
4 Vietnamese conflict, or to the widowed spouse of a former
5 member of the United States armed forces, providing that
6 widowed spouse was married to the POW at the time of death, and
7 is a single person at the time of application. The special
8 plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only to
9 passenger vehicles of the first division subject to the
10 staggered registration system, motorcycles, and vehicles of
11 the second division having a gross weight of 8,000 pounds or
12 less and shall be issued without charge. Only one set of plates
13 may be issued at no fee.

14 The design and color of the prisoner of war plates shall be
15 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
16 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be
17 issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with
18 Section 3-405.1 of this Code.

19 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02.)

20 (625 ILCS 5/3-621) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621)

21 Sec. 3-621. The Secretary, upon receipt of an application,
22 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
23 issue to members of the Illinois National Guard, and to
24 Illinois residents who are either former members of the
25 Illinois National Guard or the surviving spouses of Illinois

1 National Guard members, special registration plates. The
2 special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed
3 only to passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles,
4 or motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
5 8,000 pounds subject to the staggered registration system.

6 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly within
7 the discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary may, in
8 his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity
9 or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of
10 this Code.

11 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 92-699, 1-1-03; revised
12 8-23-02.)

13 (625 ILCS 5/3-622) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-622)

14 Sec. 3-622. The Secretary, upon receipt of an application
15 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
16 issue to members of the United States Armed Forces Reserves who
17 reside in Illinois, and to Illinois residents who are either
18 former members of the United States Armed Forces Reserves or
19 the surviving spouses of United States Armed Forces Reserve
20 members who resided in Illinois, special registration plates.
21 The special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be
22 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
23 motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division weighing
24 not more than 8,000 pounds subject to the staggered
25 registration system. The design and color of such plates shall

1 be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
2 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be
3 issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with
4 Section 3-405.1 of this Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 92-699, eff. 1-1-03;
6 revised 8-23-02.)

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)

8 Sec. 3-623. Purple Heart Plates. The Secretary, upon
9 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the
10 Secretary of State, may issue to recipients awarded the Purple
11 Heart by a branch of the armed forces of the United States who
12 reside in Illinois, special registration plates. The
13 Secretary, upon receipt of the proper application
14 ~~applications~~, may also issue these special registration plates
15 to an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person
16 who ~~was killed in a foreign war and~~ was awarded the Purple
17 Heart by a branch of the armed forces of the United States. The
18 special plates issued pursuant to this Section should be
19 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the 1st division,
20 including motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd division
21 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The Secretary may, in his
22 or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
23 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
24 Code.

25 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly within

1 the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
2 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
3 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application.
4 However, for an individual who has been issued Purple Heart
5 plates for a vehicle and who has been approved for benefits
6 under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax
7 Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, the annual fee for
8 the registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in Section
9 3-806.3 of this Code.

10 (Source: P.A. 93-846, eff. 7-30-04; 94-93, eff. 1-1-06; 94-343,
11 eff. 1-1-06; revised 10-20-05.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/3-624) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-624)

13 Sec. 3-624. The Secretary, upon receipt of an application
14 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
15 issue to retired members of the United States Armed Forces who
16 reside in Illinois, special registration plates. The special
17 plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be affixed only to
18 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, or motor
19 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000
20 pounds and subject to the staggered registration system. The
21 design and color of such plates shall be wholly within the
22 discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary may, in his
23 or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
24 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
25 Code.

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

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

3 Sec. 3-625. Pearl Harbor Plates. The Secretary, upon
4 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the
5 Secretary of State, may issue special registration plates to
6 any Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces
7 of the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl
8 Harbor on December 7, 1941, or to the widowed spouse of any
9 Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces of
10 the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl Harbor
11 on December 7, 1941, provided that the widowed spouse was
12 married to the battle of Pearl Harbor participant at the time
13 of the participant's death and is a single person at the time
14 of application. The special plates issued pursuant to this
15 Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the 1st
16 division, motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd division
17 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The Secretary may, in his
18 or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
19 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
20 Code.

21 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly within
22 the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
23 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
24 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application.

25 (Source: P.A. 92-545, eff. 6-12-02; 92-699, eff. 1-1-03;

1 revised 8-23-02.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.1)

3 Sec. 3-806.1. Additional fees for vanity license plates. In
4 addition to the regular registration fee, an applicant for a
5 vanity license plate, other than a vanity plate in any military
6 series or a vanity plate issued under Section 3-806.4, shall be
7 charged \$94 for each set of vanity license plates issued to a
8 motor vehicle of the first division or a motor vehicle of the
9 second division registered at not more than 8,000 pounds or to
10 a recreational vehicle and \$50 for each set of vanity plates
11 issued to a motorcycle. In addition to the regular renewal fee,
12 an applicant for a vanity plate, other than a vanity plate in
13 any military series or a vanity plate issued under Section
14 3-806.4, shall be charged \$13 for the renewal of each set of
15 vanity license plates. There shall be no additional fees for a
16 vanity license plate in any military series of plates or a
17 vanity plate issued under Section 3-806.4.

18 (Source: P.A. 91-37, eff. 7-1-99.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.4) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.4)

20 Sec. 3-806.4. Gold Star recipients. Commencing with the
21 1991 registration year and through the 2006 registration year,
22 upon proper application, the Secretary of State shall issue one
23 pair of registration plates to any Illinois resident, who as
24 the surviving widow or widower, or in the absence thereof, as

1 the surviving parent, is awarded the Gold Star by the United
2 States in recognition of spouses or children who served in the
3 Armed Forces of the United States and lost their lives while in
4 service whether in peacetime or war. Commencing with the 2007
5 registration year, upon proper application, the Secretary of
6 State shall issue one pair of registration plates to any
7 Illinois resident, who as the surviving widow, widower, or
8 parent, is awarded the Gold Star by the United States in
9 recognition of spouses or children who served in the Armed
10 Forces of the United States and lost their lives while in
11 service whether in peacetime or war. If the parent no longer
12 survives, the Secretary of State shall issue the plates to a
13 surviving sibling, of the person who served in the Armed
14 Forces, who is an Illinois resident. No more than one set of
15 plates shall be issued for each Gold Star awarded, and only one
16 surviving parent, or in the absence of a surviving parent, only
17 one surviving sibling shall be issued a set of registration
18 plates, except for those surviving parents who, as recipients
19 of the Gold Star, have legally separated or divorced, in which
20 case each surviving parent shall be allowed one set of
21 registration plates. Registration plates issued under this
22 Section shall be for first division vehicles and second
23 division vehicles of 8,000 pounds or less. The Secretary may,
24 in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as
25 vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section
26 3-405.1 of this Code. Through the 2006 registration year, an

1 applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for the original issuance
2 in addition to the appropriate registration fee which shall be
3 deposited into the Road Fund to help defray the administrative
4 processing costs. Beginning with the 2007 registration year, an
5 applicant shall be charged only the appropriate registration
6 fee.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-140, eff. 1-1-04; 94-311, eff. 1-1-06; 94-343,
8 eff. 1-1-06; revised 8-19-05.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.5)

10 Sec. 3-806.5. Additional fees for personalized license
11 plates. For registration periods commencing after December 31,
12 2003, in addition to the regular registration fee, an applicant
13 for a personalized license plate, other than a personalized
14 plate in any military series or a personalized plate issued
15 under Section 3-806.4, shall be charged \$47 for each set of
16 personalized license plates issued to a motor vehicle of the
17 first division or a motor vehicle of the second division
18 registered at not more than 8,000 pounds or to a recreational
19 vehicle and \$25 for each set of personalized plates issued to a
20 motorcycle. In addition to the regular renewal fee, an
21 applicant for a personalized plate other than a personalized
22 plate in any military series or a personalized plate issued
23 under Section 3-806.4, shall be charged \$7 for the renewal of
24 each set of personalized license plates. There shall be no
25 additional fees charged for a personalized plate in any

1 military series of plates or a personalized plate issued under
2 Section 3-806.4. Of the money received by the Secretary of
3 State as additional fees for personalized license plates, 50%
4 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License
5 Plate Fund and 50% shall be deposited into the General Revenue
6 Fund.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-32, eff. 7-1-03.)