

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 State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.675 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.675 new)

7 Sec. 5.675. The Support Our Troops Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding
9 Section 3-664 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-664 new)

11 Sec. 3-664. Support Our Troops license plates.

12 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
13 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may
14 issue special registration plates designated as Support Our
15 Troops license plates. The special plates issued under this
16 Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the
17 first division or motor vehicles of the second division
18 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this
19 Section shall expire according to the multi-year procedure
20 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

21 (b) The design and color of the special plates shall be

1 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary, except that the
2 emblem of the organization Illinois Support Our Troops, Inc.,
3 and its "Support Our Troops!" mark shall appear on the plate.
4 The address of the organization's Internet web site may appear
5 on the plate, and the organization may alternate the mark to
6 "Salute our Heroes!" in a manner that respects inventory. The
7 field of the plate may be colored. The Secretary may, in his or
8 her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
9 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
10 Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land of
11 Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of
12 this Code. The Secretary, in his or her discretion, shall
13 approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under
14 Section 3-412.

15 (c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a
16 \$40 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate
17 registration fee. Of this fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the
18 Support Our Troops Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the
19 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund to be used by the
20 Secretary to help defray the administrative processing costs.
21 For each registration renewal period, a \$27 fee, in addition to
22 the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this
23 fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the Support Our Troops Fund
24 and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special
25 License Plate Fund.

26 (d) The Support Our Troops Fund is created as a special

1 fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Support Our
2 Troops Fund shall be paid, subject to appropriation by the
3 General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, as grants to
4 Illinois Support Our Troops, Inc., a not-for-profit public
5 purpose charity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3),
6 for charitable assistance to the troops and their families in
7 accordance with its Articles of Incorporation.

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