

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 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

1 Sections 3-402.1 and 3-405.3 of this Code may not be required
2 if the Secretary deems the issuance unnecessary.

3 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it
4 the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is
5 issued, the name of this State, which may be abbreviated, the
6 year number for which it was issued, which may be abbreviated,
7 the phrase "Land of Lincoln" (except as otherwise provided in
8 this Code), and such other letters or numbers as the Secretary
9 may prescribe. However, for apportionment plates issued to
10 vehicles registered under Section 3-402.1 and fleet plates
11 issued to vehicles registered under Section 3-405.3, the phrase
12 "Land of Lincoln" may be omitted to allow for the word
13 "apportioned", the word "fleet", or other similar language to
14 be displayed. Registration plates issued to a vehicle
15 registered as a fleet vehicle may display a designation
16 determined by the Secretary.

17 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that letters
18 be used as prefixes only on registration plates issued to
19 vehicles of the first division which are registered under this
20 Code and only as suffixes on registration plates issued to
21 other vehicles. Every registration sticker issued as evidence
22 of current registration shall designate the year number for
23 which it is issued and such other letters or numbers as the
24 Secretary may prescribe and shall be of a contrasting color
25 with the registration plates and registration stickers of the
26 previous year.

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

7 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
8 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
9 registration plates as the type of plates issued for a private
10 passenger vehicle.

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

14 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every motorcycle
15 distinctive registration plates distinguishing between
16 motorcycles having 150 or more cubic centimeters piston
17 displacement, or having less than 150 cubic centimeter piston
18 displacement.

19 (g) Registration plates issued to vehicles for-hire may
20 display a designation as determined by the Secretary that such
21 vehicles are for-hire.

22 (h) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
23 registration plates for electric vehicles.

24 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
25 private ambulance registration plates identifying the vehicle
26 as an ambulance. The Secretary shall forward to the Department

1 of Healthcare and Family Services registration information for
2 the purpose of verification of claims filed with the Department
3 by ambulance owners for payment for services to public
4 assistance recipients.

5 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
6 private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery registration
7 plates displaying numbers within ranges of numbers reserved
8 respectively for medical carriers and rescue vehicles. The
9 Secretary shall forward to the Department of Healthcare and
10 Family Services registration information for the purpose of
11 verification of claims filed with the Department by owners of
12 medical carriers or rescue vehicles for payment for services to
13 public assistance recipients.

14 (k) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive license
15 plates or distinctive license plate stickers for every vehicle
16 exempted from subsections ~~subsection~~ (a) and (a-5) of Section
17 12-503 by subsection (g) of that Section, and by subsection
18 (g-5) of that Section before its deletion by this amendatory
19 Act of the 95th General Assembly. The Secretary shall issue
20 these plates or stickers immediately upon receiving the
21 physician's certification required under subsection (g) of
22 Section 12-503. New plates or stickers shall also be issued
23 when the certification is renewed as provided in that
24 subsection.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-239, eff. 1-1-06; 94-564, eff. 8-12-05;
26 95-202, eff. 8-16-07; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

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

2 Sec. 12-503. Windshields must be unobstructed and equipped
3 with wipers.

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

15 (a-5) No window treatment or tinting shall be applied to
16 the windows immediately adjacent to each side of the driver,
17 except:

18 (1) on vehicles where none of the windows to the rear
19 of the driver's seat are treated in a manner that allows
20 less than 30% light transmittance, a nonreflective tinted
21 film that allows at least 50% light transmittance, with a
22 5% variance observed by any law enforcement official
23 metering the light transmittance, may be used on the side
24 windows immediately adjacent to each side of the driver.

25 (2) on vehicles where none of the windows to the rear

1 of the driver's seat are treated in a manner that allows
2 less than 35% light transmittance, a nonreflective tinted
3 film that allows at least 35% light transmittance, with a
4 5% variance observed by any law enforcement official
5 metering the light transmittance, may be used on the side
6 windows immediately adjacent to each side of the driver.

7 (3) on multipurpose passenger vehicles, as defined by
8 Section 1-148.3b of this Code, a nonreflective tinted film
9 originally applied by the manufacturer, that allows at
10 least 50% light transmittance, with a 5% variance observed
11 by any law enforcement official metering the light
12 transmittance, may be used on the side windows immediately
13 adjacent to each side of the driver.

14 (b) On motor vehicles where window treatment has not been
15 applied to the windows immediately adjacent to each side of the
16 driver, ~~Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit~~ the
17 use of a nonreflective, smoked or tinted glass, nonreflective
18 film, perforated window screen or other decorative window
19 application on windows to the rear of the driver's seat shall
20 be allowed, except that any motor vehicle with a window to the
21 rear of the driver's seat treated in this manner shall be
22 equipped with a side mirror on each side of the motor vehicle
23 which are in conformance with Section 12-502.

24 (c) No person shall drive a motor vehicle with any objects
25 placed or suspended between the driver and the front
26 windshield, rear window, side wings or side windows immediately

1 adjacent to each side of the driver which materially obstructs
2 the driver's view.

3 (d) Every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, shall be
4 equipped with a device, controlled by the driver, for cleaning
5 rain, snow, moisture or other obstructions from the windshield;
6 and no person shall drive a motor vehicle with snow, ice,
7 moisture or other material on any of the windows or mirrors,
8 which materially obstructs the driver's clear view of the
9 highway.

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

17 (f) Paragraphs (a), (a-5), and (b) of this Section shall
18 not apply to:

19 (1) (Blank). ~~motor vehicles manufactured prior to~~
20 ~~January 1, 1982; or~~

21 (2) to those motor vehicles properly registered in
22 another jurisdiction.

23 (g) Paragraphs ~~Paragraph~~ (a) and (a-5) of this Section
24 shall not apply to ~~any motor vehicle with a~~ window treatment,
25 including but not limited to a window application, ~~reflective~~
26 ~~material,~~ nonreflective material, or tinted film, applied or

1 affixed to a motor vehicle for which distinctive license plates
2 or license plate stickers have been issued pursuant to
3 subsection (k) of Section 3-412 of this Code, and which ~~that~~:

4 (1) is owned and operated by a person afflicted with or
5 suffering from a medical ~~illness, ailment, or~~ disease,
6 including but not limited to systemic or discoid lupus
7 erythematosus, disseminated superficial actinic
8 porokeratosis, or albinism, which would require that
9 person to be shielded from the direct rays of the sun; or

10 (2) is used in transporting a person when the person
11 resides at the same address as the registered owner of the
12 vehicle and the person is afflicted with or suffering from
13 a medical ~~illness, ailment or~~ disease which would require
14 the person to be shielded from the direct rays of the sun,
15 including but not limited to systemic or discoid lupus
16 erythematosus, disseminated superficial actinic
17 porokeratosis, or albinism.

18 The owner must obtain a certified statement or letter
19 written by a physician licensed to practice medicine in
20 Illinois that such person owning and operating or being
21 transported in a motor vehicle is afflicted with or suffers
22 from such ~~illness, ailment, or~~ disease, including but not
23 limited to systemic or discoid lupus erythematosus,
24 disseminated superficial actinic porokeratosis, or
25 albinism. However, no exemption from the requirements of
26 subsection (a-5) shall be granted for any condition, such

1 as light sensitivity, for which protection from the direct
2 rays of the sun can be adequately obtained by the use of
3 sunglasses or other eye protective devices.

4 Such ~~, and such~~ certification must be carried in the
5 motor vehicle at all times. The certification shall be
6 legible and shall contain the date of issuance, the name,
7 address and signature of the attending physician, and the
8 name, address, and medical condition of the person
9 requiring exemption. The information on the certificate
10 for a window treatment must remain current and shall be
11 renewed annually by the attending physician. The owner
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 (g-5) (Blank).

16 (g-7) Installers shall only install window treatment
17 authorized by subsection (g) on motor vehicles for which
18 distinctive plates or license plate stickers have been issued
19 pursuant to subsection (k) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The
20 distinctive license plates or plate sticker must be on the
21 motor vehicle at the time of window treatment installation.

22 (h) Paragraph (a) of this Section shall not apply to motor
23 vehicle stickers or other certificates issued by State or local
24 authorities which are required to be displayed upon motor
25 vehicle windows to evidence compliance with requirements
26 concerning motor vehicles.

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

4 (j) A person found guilty of violating paragraphs (a),
5 (a-5), (b), or (g-7) ~~(i)~~ of this Section shall be guilty of a
6 petty offense and fined no less than \$50 nor more than \$500. A
7 second or subsequent violation of paragraphs (a), (a-5), (b),
8 or (g-7) ~~(i)~~ of this Section shall be treated as a Class C
9 misdemeanor and the violator fined no less than \$100 nor more
10 than \$500. Any person convicted under paragraphs (a), (a-5), or
11 (b), ~~or (i)~~ of this Section shall be ordered to alter any
12 nonconforming windows into compliance with this Section.

13 (k) Nothing in this Section shall create a cause of action
14 on behalf of a buyer against a vehicle dealer or manufacturer
15 who sells a motor vehicle with a window which is in violation
16 of this Section.

17 (Source: P.A. 94-564, eff. 8-12-05; 95-202, eff. 8-16-07.)

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