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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-171	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-171
625 ILCS 5/3-412	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412
625 ILCS 5/3-413	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning with the next registration year after the effective date of this amendatory Act in which the Secretary of State distributes newly designed standard registration plates for motor vehicles, the Secretary of State shall issue one registration plate (instead of 2) for newly registered motor vehicles and the registration plate shall be attached to the rear (instead of front and rear) of the motor vehicle. Provides that all cost savings realized through the issuance of one registration plate instead of 2 shall be deposited into the State Police Operations Assistance Fund.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 1-171, 3-412, and 3-413 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/1-171) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-171)

7 Sec. 1-171. Registration - Registration Sticker.
8 Registration. The registration certificate or certificates,
9 registration plates and registration stickers issued under the
10 laws of this State pertaining to the registration of vehicles.

11 Registration Sticker or Stickers. A device or devices to be
12 attached to a rear registration plate that will renew the
13 registration and registration plate or plates for a
14 pre-determined period not to exceed one registration year
15 except as provided in subsection (1) of Section 3-414 of this
16 Code. Should the Secretary of State determine it is advisable
17 to require a registration sticker to be attached to a front
18 registration plate, he may require such action and provide the
19 necessary additional sticker. Such determination shall be
20 publicly announced at least 30 days in advance of a new annual
21 registration year.

22 Beginning with the next registration year after the
23 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General

1 Assembly in which the Secretary of State distributes newly
2 designed standard registration plates for motor vehicles, any
3 reference to "plates" in the plural number in any law or rule
4 shall be deemed to be a reference to the single registration
5 plate required to be furnished and displayed in accordance with
6 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.

7 (Source: P.A. 80-1185.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

9 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates and registration stickers
10 to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

11 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle
12 subject to annual registration for the first time shall issue
13 or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration plate
14 for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, moped or
15 truck-tractor, 2 registration plates for other motor vehicles
16 and, where applicable, current registration stickers for motor
17 vehicles of the first division. Beginning with the next
18 registration year after the effective date of this amendatory
19 Act of the 97th General Assembly in which the Secretary of
20 State distributes newly designed standard registration plates
21 for motor vehicles, the Secretary of State upon registering a
22 vehicle subject to annual registration for the first time shall
23 issue or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration
24 plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, moped or
25 truck-tractor, one registration plate for other motor vehicles

1 and, where applicable, current registration stickers for motor
2 vehicles of the first division. All cost savings realized
3 through the issuance of one registration plate instead of 2
4 shall be deposited into the State Police Operations Assistance
5 Fund.

6 The provisions of this Section may be made applicable to
7 such vehicles of the second division, as the Secretary of State
8 may, from time to time, in his discretion designate. On
9 subsequent annual registrations during the term of the
10 registration plate as provided in Section 3-414.1, the
11 Secretary shall issue or cause to be issued registration
12 stickers as evidence of current registration. However, the
13 issuance of annual registration stickers to vehicles
14 registered under the provisions of Sections 3-402.1 and 3-405.3
15 of this Code may not be required if the Secretary deems the
16 issuance unnecessary.

17 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it
18 the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is
19 issued, the name of this State, which may be abbreviated, the
20 year number for which it was issued, which may be abbreviated,
21 the phrase "Land of Lincoln" (except as otherwise provided in
22 this Code), and such other letters or numbers as the Secretary
23 may prescribe. However, for apportionment plates issued to
24 vehicles registered under Section 3-402.1 and fleet plates
25 issued to vehicles registered under Section 3-405.3, the phrase
26 "Land of Lincoln" may be omitted to allow for the word

1 "apportioned", the word "fleet", or other similar language to
2 be displayed. Registration plates issued to a vehicle
3 registered as a fleet vehicle may display a designation
4 determined by the Secretary.

5 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that letters
6 be used as prefixes only on registration plates issued to
7 vehicles of the first division which are registered under this
8 Code and only as suffixes on registration plates issued to
9 other vehicles. Every registration sticker issued as evidence
10 of current registration shall designate the year number for
11 which it is issued and such other letters or numbers as the
12 Secretary may prescribe and shall be of a contrasting color
13 with the registration plates and registration stickers of the
14 previous year.

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

21 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
22 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
23 registration plates as the type of plates issued for a private
24 passenger vehicle.

25 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
26 car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive registration

1 plates.

2 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every motorcycle
3 distinctive registration plates distinguishing between
4 motorcycles having 150 or more cubic centimeters piston
5 displacement, or having less than 150 cubic centimeter piston
6 displacement.

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

10 (h) (Blank).

11 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
12 private ambulance registration plates identifying the vehicle
13 as an ambulance. The Secretary shall forward to the Department
14 of Healthcare and Family Services registration information for
15 the purpose of verification of claims filed with the Department
16 by ambulance owners for payment for services to public
17 assistance recipients.

18 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public and
19 private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery registration
20 plates displaying numbers within ranges of numbers reserved
21 respectively for medical carriers and rescue vehicles. The
22 Secretary shall forward to the Department of Healthcare and
23 Family Services registration information for the purpose of
24 verification of claims filed with the Department by owners of
25 medical carriers or rescue vehicles for payment for services to
26 public assistance recipients.

1 (k) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive license
2 plates or distinctive license plate stickers for every vehicle
3 exempted from subsections (a) and (a-5) of Section 12-503 by
4 subsection (g) of that Section, and by subsection (g-5) of that
5 Section before its deletion by this amendatory Act of the 95th
6 General Assembly. The Secretary shall issue these plates or
7 stickers immediately upon receiving the physician's
8 certification required under subsection (g) of Section 12-503.
9 New plates or stickers shall also be issued when the
10 certification is renewed as provided in that subsection.

11 (l) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
12 registration plates for low-speed vehicles.

13 (Source: P.A. 95-202, eff. 8-16-07; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07;
14 96-554, eff. 1-1-10; 96-653, eff. 1-1-10; 96-815, eff.
15 10-30-09; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)

16 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

17 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration
18 stickers and drive-away permits.

19 (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other
20 than a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor,
21 apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be attached
22 thereto, one in the front and one in the rear. Beginning with
23 the next registration year after the effective date of this
24 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly in which the
25 Secretary of State distributes newly designed standard

1 registration plates for motor vehicles, the registration plate
2 issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer,
3 semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned
4 truck shall be attached to the rear thereof.

5 The registration plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer or
6 semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and any
7 apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of
8 this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof.

9 The registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an
10 apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder shall be
11 attached to the front thereof.

12 (b) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely
13 fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it
14 is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a
15 height of not less than 5 inches from the ground, measuring
16 from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be
17 clearly visible and shall be maintained in a condition to be
18 clearly legible, free from any materials that would obstruct
19 the visibility of the plate, including, but not limited to,
20 glass covers and plastic covers. Registration stickers issued
21 as evidence of renewed annual registration shall be attached to
22 registration plates as required by the Secretary of State, and
23 be clearly visible at all times.

24 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code
25 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
26 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is

1 affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall
2 be void and of no effect.

3 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign
4 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with
5 Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and
6 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as an
7 Illinois registration plate.

8 (e) The registration plate issued for a camper body mounted
9 on a truck displaying registration plates shall be attached to
10 the rear of the camper body.

11 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the
12 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois
13 registration plate, plates or registration stickers after the
14 termination of the registration period for which issued or
15 after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections 3-414 and
16 3-414.1 of this Code.

17 (Source: P.A. 95-29, eff. 6-1-08; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)