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Introduced 02/07/11, by Rep. Thomas Holbrook

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-609	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609
625 ILCS 5/11-1301.1	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Makes various changes in the wording and arrangement of provisions concerning disabled veterans' license plates. Provides that any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs whose degree of disability has been declared to be 50% or more, but is statutorily ineligible for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities, may obtain a special registration plate without the international symbol of access. Provides that the design and color of such plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary, except that plates may not contain the international symbol of access if issued to veterans who are statutorily ineligible for disability plates or decals. Adds references to these changes concerning disabled veterans' license plates to the Section concerning parking privileges for persons with disabilities. Effective September 1, 2011.

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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 and 11-1301.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)

7 Sec. 3-609. Disabled Veterans' Plates.

8 (a) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected  
9 disability from the United States Department of Veterans  
10 Affairs, and who has obtained certification from a licensed  
11 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse  
12 that the service-connected disability qualifies the veteran  
13 for issuance of registration plates or decals to a person with  
14 disabilities in accordance with Section 3-616, may make  
15 application to the Secretary of State for disabled veterans  
16 license plates displaying the international symbol of access,  
17 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division  
18 or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more  
19 than 8,000 pounds, without the payment of any registration fee.  
20 ~~may make application for the registration of one motor vehicle~~  
21 ~~of the first division or one motor vehicle of the second~~  
22 ~~division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds to the Secretary~~  
23 ~~of State without the payment of any registration fee if (i) the~~

1 ~~veteran holds proof of a service connected disability from the~~  
2 ~~United States Department of Veterans Affairs and (ii) a~~  
3 ~~licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice~~  
4 ~~nurse has certified in accordance with Section 3-616 that~~  
5 ~~because of the service connected disability the veteran~~  
6 ~~qualifies for issuance of registration plates or decals to a~~  
7 ~~person with disabilities. The Secretary may, in his or her~~  
8 ~~discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or~~  
9 ~~personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this~~  
10 ~~Code. Registration shall be for a multi year period and may be~~  
11 ~~issued staggered registration.~~

12 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected  
13 disability from the United States Department of Veterans  
14 Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to be  
15 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the veteran  
16 for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities under  
17 Section 3-616, may make application to the Secretary for a  
18 special registration plate without the international symbol of  
19 access for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first  
20 division or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing  
21 not more than 8,000 pounds, without the payment of any  
22 registration fee.

23 (c) Renewal of such registrations ~~registration~~ must be  
24 accompanied with documentation for eligibility of registration  
25 without fee unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying  
26 disability, and such registration plates may not be issued to

1 any person not eligible therefor. The Illinois Department of  
2 Veterans' Affairs may assist in providing the documentation of  
3 disability.

4 (d) The design and color of such plates shall be within the  
5 discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates issued  
6 pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section may not contain the  
7 international symbol of access. 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. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be  
11 issued staggered registration.

12 (e) Any Commencing with the 2009 registration year, any  
13 person eligible to receive license plates under this Section  
14 who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens  
15 and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical  
16 Assistance Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under  
17 that Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise  
18 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard  
19 multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1,  
20 for motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under  
21 Section 3-815(a), or for recreational vehicles registered at  
22 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b), for a second set  
23 of plates under this Section.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-157, eff. 1-1-08; 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 95-353,  
25 eff. 1-1-08; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10.)

1 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.1)

2 Sec. 11-1301.1. Persons with disabilities - Parking  
3 privileges - Exemptions.

4 (a) A motor vehicle bearing registration plates issued to a  
5 person with disabilities, as defined by Section 1-159.1,  
6 pursuant to Section 3-616, or to a disabled veteran pursuant to  
7 subsection (a) or (b) of Section 3-609 or a special decal or  
8 device issued pursuant to Section 3-616 or pursuant to Section  
9 11-1301.2 of this Code, or a motor vehicle registered in  
10 another jurisdiction, state, district, territory or foreign  
11 country upon which is displayed a registration plate, special  
12 decal or device issued by the other jurisdiction designating  
13 the vehicle is operated by or for a person with disabilities  
14 shall be exempt from the payment of parking meter fees and  
15 exempt from any statute or ordinance imposing time limitations  
16 on parking, except limitations of one-half hour or less, on any  
17 street or highway zone, or any parking lot or parking place  
18 which are owned, leased or owned and leased by a municipality  
19 or a municipal parking utility; and shall be recognized by  
20 state and local authorities as a valid license plate or parking  
21 device and shall receive the same parking privileges as  
22 residents of this State; but, such vehicle shall be subject to  
23 the laws which prohibit parking in "no stopping" and "no  
24 standing" zones in front of or near fire hydrants, driveways,  
25 public building entrances and exits, bus stops and loading  
26 areas, and is prohibited from parking where the motor vehicle

1 constitutes a traffic hazard, whereby such motor vehicle shall  
2 be moved at the instruction and request of a law enforcement  
3 officer to a location designated by the officer.

4 (b) Any motor vehicle bearing registration plates or a  
5 special decal or device specified in this Section or in Section  
6 3-616 of this Code, or such parking device as specifically  
7 authorized in Section 11-1301.2 as evidence that the vehicle is  
8 operated by or for a person with disabilities, or bearing  
9 registration plates issued to a disabled veteran pursuant to  
10 subsection (a) of Section 3-609, may park, in addition to any  
11 other lawful place, in any parking place specifically reserved  
12 for such vehicles by the posting of an official sign as  
13 provided under Section 11-301. Parking privileges granted by  
14 this Section are strictly limited to the person to whom the  
15 special registration plates, special decal or device were  
16 issued and to qualified operators acting under his or her  
17 express direction while the person with disabilities is  
18 present. A person to whom privileges were granted shall, at the  
19 request of a police officer or any other person invested by law  
20 with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic, present  
21 an identification card with a picture as verification that the  
22 person is the person to whom the special registration plates,  
23 special decal or device was issued.

24 (c) Such parking privileges granted by this Section are  
25 also extended to motor vehicles of not-for-profit  
26 organizations used for the transportation of persons with

1 disabilities when such motor vehicles display the decal or  
2 device issued pursuant to Section 11-1301.2 of this Code.

3 (d) No person shall use any area for the parking of any  
4 motor vehicle pursuant to Section 11-1303 of this Code or where  
5 an official sign controlling such area expressly prohibits  
6 parking at any time or during certain hours.

7 (Source: P.A. 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect September  
9 1, 2011.