

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.