

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 adding
5 Section 3-696 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-696 new)

7 Sec. 3-696. Blue Star license plates.

8 (a) The Secretary of State, upon receipt of an application
9 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special
10 registration plates designated as Blue Star license plates to
11 any Illinois resident whose spouse, parent, sibling, or child
12 is serving in the United States Armed Forces. Appropriate
13 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
14 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application.
15 The special plates issued pursuant to this Section may be
16 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
17 motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division weighing
18 not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section
19 shall expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure
20 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

21 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
22 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
23 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be

1 issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with
2 Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to
3 designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of
4 Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the
5 eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall
6 approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under
7 Section 3-412.

8 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
9 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. This
10 additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of State
11 Special License Plate Fund. For each registration renewal
12 period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the applicable registration
13 fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited into the Secretary
14 of State Special License Plate Fund.