



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1560

by Rep. John D'Amico

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-600

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-600

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State shall not issue a series of special plates unless applications have been received for 2,000 plates of that series. Requires that all applications for special plates shall be on a form designated by the Secretary and shall be accompanied by any civic group's, charitable entity's, or other identified fundraising organization's portion of the additional fee associated with that plate. Provides that all fees collected are non-refundable and will be deposited in the special fund as designated in the enabling legislation, regardless of whether the plate is produced. Provides that where the General Assembly has authorized the issuance of a special plate that recognizes the applicant's military service or receipt of a military medal or award, the Secretary may immediately begin issuing that special plate.

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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 Section 3-600 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-600) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-600)

7 Sec. 3-600. Requirements for issuance of special plates.

8 (a) The Secretary of State shall issue only special plates
9 that have been authorized by the General Assembly. Except as
10 provided in subsection (a-5), the ~~The~~ Secretary of State shall
11 not issue a series of special plates unless applications, as
12 prescribed by the Secretary, have been received for 2,000
13 ~~10,000~~ plates of that series; ~~except that the Secretary of~~
14 ~~State may prescribe some other required number of applications~~
15 ~~if that number is sufficient to pay for the total cost of~~
16 ~~designing, manufacturing and issuing the special license~~
17 ~~plate.~~ Where a special plate is authorized by law to raise
18 funds for a specific civic group, charitable entity, or other
19 identified organization, and where the Secretary of State has
20 not received the required number of applications to issue that
21 special plate within 2 years of the effective date of the
22 Public Act authorizing the special plate, the Secretary of
23 State's authority to issue the special plate is nullified. All

1 applications for special plates shall be on a form designated
2 by the Secretary and shall be accompanied by any civic group's,
3 charitable entity's, or other identified fundraising
4 organization's portion of the additional fee associated with
5 that plate. All fees collected under this Section are
6 non-refundable and will be deposited in the special fund as
7 designated in the enabling legislation, regardless of whether
8 the plate is produced.

9 (a-5) Where the General Assembly has authorized the
10 issuance of a special plate that recognizes the applicant's
11 military service or receipt of a military medal or award, the
12 Secretary may immediately begin issuing that special plate.

13 (b) The Secretary of State, upon issuing a new series of
14 special license plates, shall notify all law enforcement
15 officials of the design, color and other special features of
16 the special license plate series.

17 (c) This Section shall not apply to the Secretary of
18 State's discretion as established in Section 3-611.

19 (d) If a law authorizing a special license plate provides
20 that the sponsoring organization is to designate a charitable
21 entity as the recipient of the funds from the sale of that
22 license plate, the designated charitable entity must be in
23 compliance with the registration and reporting requirements of
24 the Charitable Trust Act and the Solicitation for Charity Act.
25 In addition, the charitable entity must annually provide the
26 Secretary of State's office a letter of compliance issued by

1 the Illinois Attorney General's office verifying the entity is
2 in compliance with the Acts.

3 In the case of a law in effect before the effective date of
4 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the name of
5 the charitable entity which is to receive the funds shall be
6 provided to the Secretary of State within one year after the
7 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
8 Assembly. In the case of a law that takes effect on or after
9 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
10 Assembly, the name of the charitable entity which is to receive
11 the funds shall be provided to the Secretary of State within
12 one year after the law takes effect. If the organization fails
13 to designate an appropriate charitable entity within the
14 one-year period, or if the designated charitable entity fails
15 to annually provide the Secretary of State a letter of
16 compliance issued by the Illinois Attorney General's office,
17 any funds collected from the sale of plates authorized for that
18 organization and not previously disbursed shall be transferred
19 to the General Revenue Fund, and the special plates shall be
20 discontinued.

21 (e) If fewer than 1,000 sets of any special license plate
22 authorized by law and issued by the Secretary of State are
23 actively registered for 2 consecutive calendar years, the
24 Secretary of State may discontinue the issuance of that special
25 license plate.

26 (f) Where special license plates have been discontinued

1 pursuant to subsection (d) or (e) of this Section, all
2 previously issued plates of that type shall be recalled. Owners
3 of vehicles which were registered with recalled plates shall
4 not be charged a reclassification or registration sticker
5 replacement plate fee upon the issuance of new plates for those
6 vehicles.

7 (g) Any special plate that is authorized to be issued for
8 motorcycles may also be issued for autocycles.

9 (Source: P.A. 97-409, eff. 1-1-12; 98-777, eff. 1-1-15.)