

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.)