

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 3-413 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

7 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration  
8 stickers, and drive-away permits; registration plate covers.

9 (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other  
10 than a motorcycle, auticycle, trailer, semitrailer,  
11 truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be  
12 attached thereto, one in the front and one in the rear. The  
13 registration plate issued for a motorcycle, auticycle, trailer  
14 or semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and any  
15 apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of  
16 this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof. The  
17 registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an apportioned  
18 truck required to be registered hereunder shall be attached to  
19 the front thereof.

20 (b) Except for vehicles with rear loaded motorized  
21 forklifts, every ~~Every~~ registration plate shall at all times be  
22 securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for  
23 which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and

1 at a height of not less than 5 inches from the ground,  
2 measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and  
3 position to be clearly visible and shall be maintained in a  
4 condition to be clearly legible, free from any materials that  
5 would obstruct the visibility of the plate. A registration  
6 plate on a motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it  
7 is otherwise clearly visible. Registration stickers issued as  
8 evidence of renewed annual registration shall be attached to  
9 registration plates as required by the Secretary of State, and  
10 be clearly visible at all times. For those vehicles with rear  
11 loaded motorized forklifts, if the rear plate is securely  
12 fastened in a horizontal position as prescribed, the plate and  
13 registration sticker shall not be required to be clearly  
14 visible at all times as a result of the rear mounted motorized  
15 forklift obstructing the view.

16 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code  
17 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner  
18 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is  
19 affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall  
20 be void and of no effect.

21 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign  
22 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with  
23 Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and  
24 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as an  
25 Illinois registration plate.

26 (e) The registration plate issued for a camper body mounted

1 on a truck displaying registration plates shall be attached to  
2 the rear of the camper body.

3 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the  
4 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois  
5 registration plate, plates or registration stickers, except as  
6 provided for in subsection (b) of Section 3-701 of this Code,  
7 after the termination of the registration period for which  
8 issued or after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections  
9 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

10 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is  
11 equipped with registration plate covers. A violation of this  
12 subsection (g) or a similar provision of a local ordinance is  
13 an offense against laws and ordinances regulating the movement  
14 of traffic.

15 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration  
16 plate cover. A violation of this subsection (h) is a business  
17 offense.

18 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of promoting  
19 the sale of registration plate covers. A violation of this  
20 subsection (i) is a business offense.

21 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's  
22 mounting location of the rear registration plate on any vehicle  
23 so as to conceal the registration or to knowingly cause it to  
24 be obstructed in an effort to hinder a peace officer from  
25 obtaining the registration for the enforcement of a violation  
26 of this Code, Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning

1 toll evasion, or any municipal ordinance. Modifications  
2 prohibited by this subsection (j) include but are not limited  
3 to the use of an electronic device. A violation of this  
4 subsection (j) is a Class A misdemeanor.

5 (Source: P.A. 97-743, eff. 1-1-13; 98-777, eff. 1-1-15;  
6 98-1103, eff. 1-1-15; revised 10-1-14.)