

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 11-1301.2 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.2) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.2)

7 Sec. 11-1301.2. Special decals for parking; persons with  
8 disabilities.

9 (a) The Secretary of State shall provide for, by  
10 administrative rules, the design, size, color, and placement of  
11 a person with disabilities motorist decal or device and shall  
12 provide for, by administrative rules, the content and form of  
13 an application for a person with disabilities motorist decal or  
14 device, which shall be used by local authorities in the  
15 issuance thereof to a person with temporary disabilities,  
16 provided that the decal or device is valid for no more than 90  
17 days, subject to renewal for like periods based upon continued  
18 disability, and further provided that the decal or device  
19 clearly sets forth the date that the decal or device expires.  
20 The application shall include the requirement of an Illinois  
21 Identification Card number or a State of Illinois driver's  
22 license number. This decal or device may be used by the  
23 authorized holder to designate and identify a vehicle not owned

1 or displaying a registration plate as provided in Sections  
2 3-609 and 3-616 of this Act to designate when the vehicle is  
3 being used to transport said person or persons with  
4 disabilities, and thus is entitled to enjoy all the privileges  
5 that would be afforded a person with disabilities licensed  
6 vehicle. Person with disabilities decals or devices issued and  
7 displayed pursuant to this Section shall be recognized and  
8 honored by all local authorities regardless of which local  
9 authority issued such decal or device.

10 The decal or device shall be issued only upon a showing by  
11 adequate documentation that the person for whose benefit the  
12 decal or device is to be used has a disability as defined in  
13 Section 1-159.1 of this Code and the disability is temporary.

14 (b) The local governing authorities shall be responsible  
15 for the provision of such decal or device, its issuance and  
16 designated placement within the vehicle. The cost of such decal  
17 or device shall be at the discretion of such local governing  
18 authority.

19 (c) The Secretary of State may, pursuant to Section  
20 3-616(c), issue a person with disabilities parking decal or  
21 device to a person with disabilities as defined by Section  
22 1-159.1. Any person with disabilities parking decal or device  
23 issued by the Secretary of State shall be registered to that  
24 person with disabilities in the form to be prescribed by the  
25 Secretary of State. The person with disabilities parking decal  
26 or device shall not display that person's address. One

1 additional decal or device may be issued to an applicant upon  
2 his or her written request and with the approval of the  
3 Secretary of State. The written request must include a  
4 justification of the need for the additional decal or device.

5 (c-5) Beginning January 1, 2014, the Secretary shall  
6 provide by administrative rule for the issuance of a separate  
7 and distinct parking decal or device for persons with  
8 disabilities as defined by Section 1-159.1 of this Code and who  
9 meet the qualifications under this subsection. The authorized  
10 holder of a decal or device issued under this subsection (c-5)  
11 shall be exempt from the payment of fees generated by parking  
12 in a metered space, a parking area subject to paragraph (10) of  
13 subsection (a) of Section 11-209 of this Code, or a publicly  
14 owned parking area.

15 The Secretary shall issue a meter-exempt decal or device to  
16 a person with disabilities who: (i) has been issued  
17 registration plates under subsection (a) of Section 3-609 or  
18 Section 3-616 of this Code or a special decal or device under  
19 this Section, (ii) holds a valid Illinois driver's license, and  
20 (iii) is unable to do one or more of the following:

21 (1) manage, manipulate, or insert coins, or obtain  
22 tickets or tokens in parking meters or ticket machines in  
23 parking lots, due to the lack of fine motor control of both  
24 hands;

25 (2) reach above his or her head to a height of 42  
26 inches from the ground, due to a lack of finger, hand, or

1 upper extremity strength or mobility;

2 (3) approach a parking meter due to his or her use of a  
3 wheelchair or other device for mobility; or

4 (4) walk more than 20 feet due to an orthopedic,  
5 neurological, cardiovascular, or lung condition in which  
6 the degree of debilitation is so severe that it almost  
7 completely impedes the ability to walk.

8 The application for a meter-exempt parking decal or device  
9 shall contain a statement certified by a licensed physician,  
10 physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse attesting to  
11 the permanent nature of the applicant's condition and verifying  
12 that the applicant meets the physical qualifications specified  
13 in this subsection (c-5).

14 Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection (c-5),  
15 the Secretary shall issue a meter-exempt decal or device to a  
16 person who has been issued registration plates under Section  
17 3-616 of this Code or a special decal or device under this  
18 Section, if the applicant is the parent or guardian of a person  
19 with disabilities who is ~~under 18 years of age and~~ incapable of  
20 driving and the person with disabilities does not have an  
21 Illinois driver's license. This meter-exempt decal or device  
22 may be used by the authorized holder to designate and identify  
23 a vehicle when the vehicle is being used to transport a person  
24 or persons with disabilities and that person with disabilities  
25 is unable to drive on his or her own.

26 (d) Replacement decals or devices may be issued for lost,

1 stolen, or destroyed decals upon application and payment of a  
2 \$10 fee. The replacement fee may be waived for individuals that  
3 have claimed and received a grant under the Senior Citizens and  
4 Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act.

5 (e) A person classified as a veteran under subsection (e)  
6 of Section 6-106 of this Code that has been issued a decal or  
7 device under this Section shall not be required to submit  
8 evidence of disability in order to renew that decal or device  
9 if, at the time of initial application, he or she submitted  
10 evidence from his or her physician or the Department of  
11 Veterans' Affairs that the disability is of a permanent nature.  
12 However, the Secretary shall take reasonable steps to ensure  
13 the veteran still resides in this State at the time of the  
14 renewal. These steps may include requiring the veteran to  
15 provide additional documentation or to appear at a Secretary of  
16 State facility. To identify veterans who are eligible for this  
17 exemption, the Secretary shall compare the list of the persons  
18 who have been issued a decal or device to the list of persons  
19 who have been issued a disabled veteran vehicle registration  
20 plate under Section 3-609 of this Code, or who are identified  
21 as a veteran on their driver's license under Section 6-110 of  
22 this Code or on their identification card under Section 4 of  
23 the Illinois Identification Card Act.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12; 97-845, eff. 1-1-13;  
25 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-577, eff. 1-1-14; 98-879, eff.  
26 1-1-15.)