

HB4296



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-609

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires the Secretary of State to issue a version of the Disabled Veteran license plate in a form appropriate for motorcycles.

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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 3-609 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)

7 Sec. 3-609. Plates for Veterans with Disabilities.

8 (a) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
9 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
10 Affairs, and who has obtained certification from a licensed
11 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse
12 that the service-connected disability qualifies the veteran
13 for issuance of registration plates or decals to a person with
14 disabilities in accordance with Section 3-616, may, without the
15 payment of any registration fee, make application to the
16 Secretary of State for license plates for veterans with
17 disabilities displaying the international symbol of access,
18 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division
19 or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more
20 than 8,000 pounds.

21 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
22 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
23 Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to be

1 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the veteran
2 for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities under
3 Section 3-616, may, without the payment of any registration
4 fee, make application to the Secretary for a special
5 registration plate without the international symbol of access
6 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division
7 or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more
8 than 8,000 pounds.

9 (c) Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with
10 documentation for eligibility of registration without fee
11 unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability, and
12 such registration plates may not be issued to any person not
13 eligible therefor. The Illinois Department of Veterans'
14 Affairs may assist in providing the documentation of
15 disability.

16 (d) The design and color of the plates shall be within the
17 discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates issued
18 under subsection (b) of this Section shall not contain the
19 international symbol of access. The Secretary may, in his or
20 her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
21 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
22 Code. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be
23 issued staggered registration. The Secretary must issue a
24 version of the special registration plates authorized under
25 this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles.

26 (e) Any person eligible to receive license plates under

1 this Section who has been approved for benefits under the
2 Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax
3 Relief Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under that
4 Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise
5 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard
6 multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1,
7 for motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
8 Section 3-815(a), or for recreational vehicles registered at
9 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b), for a second set
10 of plates under this Section.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)