

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, autocycle, 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, autocycle, 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) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely
21 fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it
22 is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a
23 height of not less than 5 inches from the ground, measuring

1 from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be
2 clearly visible at all times and shall be maintained in a
3 condition to be clearly legible, free from any materials or
4 other objects that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.

5 A registration plate on a motorcycle may be mounted vertically
6 as long as it is otherwise clearly visible. Registration
7 stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual registration
8 shall be attached to registration plates as required by the
9 Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times.

10 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code
11 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
12 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is
13 affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall
14 be void and of no effect.

15 (d) The Illinois prorate decal issued to a foreign
16 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with
17 Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and
18 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as an
19 Illinois registration plate.

20 (e) The registration plate issued for a camper body mounted
21 on a truck displaying registration plates shall be attached to
22 the rear of the camper body.

23 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the
24 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois
25 registration plate, plates or registration stickers, except as
26 provided for in subsection (b) of Section 3-701 of this Code,

1 after the termination of the registration period for which
2 issued or after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections
3 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

4 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is
5 equipped with registration plate covers. A violation of this
6 subsection (g) or a similar provision of a local ordinance is
7 an offense against laws and ordinances regulating the movement
8 of traffic.

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

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

15 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's
16 mounting location of the rear registration plate on any vehicle
17 so as to conceal the registration or to knowingly cause it to
18 be obstructed in an effort to hinder a peace officer from
19 obtaining the registration for the enforcement of a violation
20 of this Code, Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning
21 toll evasion, or any municipal ordinance. Modifications
22 prohibited by this subsection (j) include but are not limited
23 to the use of an electronic device. A violation of this
24 subsection (j) is a Class A misdemeanor.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-743, eff. 1-1-13; 98-777, eff. 1-1-15;
26 98-1103, eff. 1-1-15; revised 10-1-14.)