

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 SB1663

Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-699.14 new 625 ILCS 5/3-699.15 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Creates Bronze Star with Valor plates that the Secretary of State may issue to Illinois residents, or their surviving spouses, that have been awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device by the United States Armed Forces. Creates Army Commendation Medal with Valor plates that the Secretary of State may issue to Illinois residents, or their surviving spouses, that have been awarded the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device by the United States Army.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding Section 3-699.14 and 3-699.15 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.14 new)
- 7 Sec. 3-699.14. Bronze Star with Valor plates.
- (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and 8 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of 10 State, may issue special registration plates to residents of Illinois who have been awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device 11 by the United States Armed Forces. The Secretary, upon receipt 12 of the proper applications and fees, may also issue these 13 14 special registration plates to an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person who was awarded the Bronze Star 15 16 with "V" device by a branch of the armed forces of the United States. The special plate issued under this Section shall be 17 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, 18 19 motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division weighing 20 not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section 21 shall expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure 22 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.
 - (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be

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wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the eliqibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.

- 10 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.15 new)
- 11 Sec. 3-699.15. Army Commendation with Valor plates.
- 12 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and 13 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may issue special registration plates to residents of 14 15 Illinois who have been awarded the Army Commendation Medal with 16 "V" device by the United States Army. The Secretary, upon receipt of the proper applications and fees, may also issue 17 18 these special registration plates to an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person who was awarded the Army 19 20 Commendation Medal with "V" device by the United States Army. 21 Plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only to 22 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles, or motor 23 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 24 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire according 25 to the staggered multi-year procedure established by Section

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