

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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

4 Section 3. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.570 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.570 new)

7 Sec. 5.570. The Professional Sports Teams Education
8 Fund.

9 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
10 changing Sections 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-625, and 3-806.3 and
11 renumbering Sections 3-648 as added by Public Act 92-79 and
12 3-648 as added by Public Act 92-467 and by adding Section
13 3-654 as follows:

14 (625 ILCS 5/3-621) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-621)

15 Sec. 3-621. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
16 application, made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
17 State, may issue to members of the Illinois National Guard,
18 and to Illinois residents who are either former members of
19 the Illinois National Guard or the surviving spouses of
20 Illinois National Guard members, special registration plates.
21 The special plates issued pursuant to this Section shall be
22 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division or
23 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
24 8,000 pounds subject to the staggered registration system.

25 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
26 within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

27 (Source: P.A. 84-986.)

28 (625 ILCS 5/3-622) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-622)

1 Sec. 3-622. The Secretary, upon receipt of an
2 application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
3 State, may issue to members of the United States Armed Forces
4 Reserves who reside in Illinois, and to Illinois residents
5 who are either former members of the United States Armed
6 Forces Reserves or the surviving spouses of United States
7 Armed Forces Reserve members who resided in Illinois, special
8 registration plates. The special plates issued pursuant to
9 this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of
10 the first division or motor vehicles of the second division
11 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds subject to the staggered
12 registration system. The design and color of such plates
13 shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of
14 State.

15 (Source: P.A. 84-986.)

16 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)

17 Sec. 3-623. Purple Heart Plates. The Secretary, upon
18 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the
19 Secretary of State, may issue to recipients awarded the
20 Purple Heart by a branch of the armed forces of the United
21 States who reside in Illinois, special registration plates.
22 The special plates issued pursuant to this Section should be
23 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the 1st division,
24 including motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd division
25 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

26 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
27 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
28 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
29 appropriate standard registration fee shall accompany the
30 application. However, for an individual who has been issued
31 Purple Heart plates for a vehicle and who has claimed and
32 received a grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled
33 Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance

1 Act, the ~~original-issuance-fee-and-regular~~ annual fee for the
2 registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in Section
3 3-806.3 of this Code.

4 (Source: P.A. 91-25, eff. 6-9-99; 92-82, eff. 1-1-02.)

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

6 Sec. 3-625. Pearl Harbor Plates. The Secretary, upon
7 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the
8 Secretary of State, may issue special registration plates to
9 any Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces
10 of the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl
11 Harbor on December 7, 1941, or to the widowed spouse of any
12 Illinois resident who, while a member of the armed forces of
13 the United States, participated in the battle of Pearl Harbor
14 on December 7, 1941, provided that the widowed spouse was
15 married to the battle of Pearl Harbor participant at the time
16 of the participant's death and is a single person at the time
17 of application. The special plates issued pursuant to this
18 Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the
19 1st division or motor vehicles of the 2nd division weighing
20 not more than 8,000 pounds.

21 The design and color of such plates shall be wholly
22 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
23 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
24 appropriate standard registration fee shall accompany the
25 application.

26 (Source: P.A. 89-571, eff. 7-26-96; 89-620, eff. 1-1-97.)

27 (625 ILCS 5/3-650)

28 Sec. ~~3-650.~~ 3-648. Army Combat Veteran license plates.

29 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
30 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
31 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
32 State, may issue Army Combat Veteran license plates to

1 residents of Illinois who meet eligibility requirements
2 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The special Army
3 Combat Veteran plate issued under this Section shall be
4 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division and
5 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
6 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall expire
7 according to the staggered multi-year procedure established
8 by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

9 (b) The plates shall display the Army Combat Infantry
10 Badge. In all other respects, the design, color, and format
11 of the plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary
12 of State. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow
13 the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in
14 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are
15 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in
16 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary
17 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or
18 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or
19 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

20 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original
21 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.
22 This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of
23 State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration
24 renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate
25 registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited
26 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

27 (Source: P.A. 92-79, eff. 1-1-02; revised 10-17-01.)

28 (625 ILCS 5/3-651)

29 Sec. 3-651. ~~3-648~~ U.S. Marine Corps license plates.

30 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
31 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
32 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of
33 State, may issue special registration plates designated as

1 U.S. Marine Corps license plates to residents of Illinois who
2 meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of
3 State. The special plate issued under this Section shall be
4 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
5 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
6 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by Section
7 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section shall
8 expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure
9 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

10 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
11 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State,
12 except that the U.S. Marine Corps emblem shall appear on the
13 plates. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow
14 the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in
15 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are
16 not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in
17 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary
18 shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or
19 her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or
20 decals as provided under Section 3-412.

21 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$20 fee for original
22 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of
23 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the
24 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund and \$5 shall be
25 deposited into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. For each
26 registration renewal period, a \$20 fee, in addition to the
27 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this
28 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of
29 State Special License Plate Fund and \$18 shall be deposited
30 into the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

31 (d) The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund is created as a
32 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Marine
33 Corps Scholarship Fund shall, subject to appropriation by the
34 General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, be used by

1 the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a recognized
2 charitable organization that meets the requirements of Title
3 26, Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code, to provide
4 grants for scholarships for higher education. The scholarship
5 recipients must be the children of current or former members
6 of the United States Marine Corps who meet the academic,
7 financial, and other requirements established by the Marine
8 Corps Scholarship Foundation. In addition, the recipients
9 must be Illinois residents and must attend a college or
10 university located within the State of Illinois.

11 The State Treasurer shall require the Marine Corps
12 Scholarship Foundation to establish a separate account for
13 receipt of the proceeds of the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.
14 That account shall be subject to audit either annually or at
15 another interval, as determined by the State Treasurer.
16 Proceeds from the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund shall be
17 transferred on a quarterly basis by the State Treasurer's
18 office to this separate account.

19 (Source: P.A. 92-467, eff. 1-1-02; revised 10-17-01.)

20 (625 ILCS 5/3-654 new)

21 Sec. 3-654. Professional Sports Teams license plates.

22 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made
23 in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special
24 registration plates designated as Professional Sports Teams
25 license plates. The special plates issued under this Section
26 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first
27 division and motor vehicles of the second division weighing
28 not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section
29 shall expire according to the multi-year procedure
30 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

31 (b) The design and color of the plates is wholly within
32 the discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates
33 shall, subject to the permission of the applicable team

1 owner, display the logo of the Chicago Bears, the Chicago
 2 Bulls, the Chicago Black Hawks, the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago
 3 White Sox, the St. Louis Rams, or the St. Louis Cardinals, at
 4 the applicant's option. The Secretary may allow the plates
 5 to be issued as vanity or personalized plates under Section
 6 3-405.1 of the Code. The Secretary shall prescribe stickers
 7 or decals as provided under Section 3-412 of this Code.

8 (c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged
 9 a \$40 fee for original issuance in addition to the
 10 appropriate registration fee. Of this fee, \$25 shall be
 11 deposited into the Professional Sports Teams Education Fund
 12 and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State
 13 Special License Plate Fund, to be used by the Secretary to
 14 help defray the administrative processing costs.

15 For each registration renewal period, a \$27 fee, in
 16 addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be
 17 charged. Of this fee, \$25 shall be deposited into the
 18 Professional Sports Teams Education Fund and \$2 shall be
 19 deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate
 20 Fund.

21 (d) The Professional Sports Teams Education Fund is
 22 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys
 23 in the Professional Sports Teams Education Fund shall,
 24 subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and approval
 25 by the Secretary, be deposited every 6 months into the Common
 26 School Fund.

27 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3)
 28 Sec. 3-806.3. Senior Citizens.

29 Commencing--with-the-1986-registration-year-and-extending
 30 through-the-2000-registration-year, the registration fee paid
 31 by any vehicle owner who has claimed--and--received--a--grant
 32 under--the--"Senior-Citizens-and-Disabled-Persons-Property-Tax
 33 Relief-and-Pharmaceutical--Assistance--Act"--or--who--is--the

1 spouse-of-such-a-person-shall-be-reduced-by-50%-for-passenger
2 ears---displaying--standard--multi-year--registration--plates
3 issued--under--Section--3-414.1,--motor--vehicles--displaying
4 special-registration-plates-issued-under-Section-3-616,--motor
5 vehicles-registered-at-8,000-pounds--or--less--under--Section
6 3-815(a)-and-recreational-vehicles-registered-at-8,000-pounds
7 or--less--under--Section--3-815(b).---Widows--and-widowers-of
8 claimants-shall-also-be-entitled-to-the-reduced--registration
9 rate--for--the--registration--year--in-which-the-claimant-was
10 eligible.

11 Commencing with the 2001 registration year and extending
12 through the 2003 registration year, the registration fee paid
13 by any vehicle owner who has claimed and received a grant
14 under the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax
15 Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act" or who is the
16 spouse of such a person shall be \$24 instead of the fee
17 otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying
18 standard multi-year registration plates issued under Section
19 3-414.1, motor vehicles displaying special registration
20 plates issued under Section 3-616, motor vehicles registered
21 at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a) and
22 recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less
23 under Section 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of claimants
24 shall also be entitled to this reduced registration fee for
25 the registration year in which the claimant was eligible.

26 Commencing with the 2004 registration year, the
27 registration fee paid by any vehicle owner who has claimed
28 and received a grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled
29 Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act
30 or who is the spouse of such a person shall be \$24 instead of
31 the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars
32 displaying standard multi-year registration plates issued
33 under Section 3-414.1, motor vehicles displaying special
34 registration plates issued under Section 3-616, 3-621, 3-622,

1 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645,
2 3-647, 3-650, or 3-651, motor vehicles registered at 8,000
3 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), and recreational
4 vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section
5 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of claimants shall also be
6 entitled to this reduced registration fee for the
7 registration year in which the claimant was eligible.

8 No more than one reduced registration fee under this
9 Section shall be allowed during any 12 month period based on
10 the primary eligibility of any individual, whether such
11 reduced registration fee is allowed to the individual or to
12 the spouse, widow or widower of such individual. This
13 Section does not apply to the fee paid in addition to the
14 registration fee for motor vehicles displaying vanity or
15 special personalized license plates under ~~Section 3-806-1~~.
16 (Source: P.A. 91-37, eff. 7-1-99; revised 12-06-01.)