

1 AN ACT concerning the Illinois Vehicle Code.

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  
5 adding Section 3-648 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-648 new)

7 Sec. 3-648. Emergency services plates.

8 (a) The Secretary of State, upon receipt of an  
9 application made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may  
10 issue special vehicle registration plates designated as  
11 Emergency Services license plates. The special plates issued  
12 under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger  
13 vehicles of the first division, motor vehicles of the second  
14 division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds, recreational  
15 vehicles as defined in Section 1-169 of this Code, and  
16 subject to the staggered registration system. Plates issued  
17 under this Section shall expire according to the multi-year  
18 procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

19 (b) The original application and subsequent renewals of  
20 Emergency Services plates must be accompanied by a letter  
21 from the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
22 or the chief officer of an Emergency Management Services and  
23 Disaster Agency stating that the applicant is employed by the  
24 respective agency. An Emergency Service license plate shall  
25 not be issued to a person who is not employed by either the  
26 Illinois Emergency Management Agency or an Emergency  
27 Management Services and Disaster Agency.

28 (c) The design and color of the plates shall be wholly  
29 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The  
30 Secretary of State may, in his or her discretion, allow the  
31 plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in

1 accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are  
2 not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in  
3 subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary  
4 of State shall prescribe stickers or decals as provided under  
5 Section 3-412.

6 (d) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
7 issuance of the plate in addition to the applicable  
8 registration fee. This additional \$15 fee shall be deposited  
9 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. For  
10 each registration renewal period, an applicant shall be  
11 charged a \$2 fee in addition to the applicable renewal  
12 registration fee. This additional \$2 fee shall be deposited  
13 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.